

### Agreement to promote child rights and protection in South Asia

An agreement to promote children's rights and child protection in South Asia has been signed by the Regional Secretariat of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) and the ILO in Kathmandu on 28 August. [Click for more.](#)

### Thai trade unions call for ratification of ILO Conventions Nos. 87 and 98

A network of Thai labour unions met in Bangkok, 29-30 August, to push the Government to ratify the [Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention](#), 1948 (No. 87) and the [Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention](#), 1949 (No. 98), which are fundamental Conventions guaranteeing the rights of workers to gather and negotiate through collective bargaining. [Click for more.](#)

### Asia-Pacific countries examine green jobs initiatives

Government, employer and worker representatives from ten countries in Asia and the Pacific gathered in Surabaya, Indonesia, 29-30 August to examine new ways of generating green employment opportunities. [Click for more.](#)

### Kansai University presents decent work research

Research on A New Labour Migration Strategy for Decent Work in Osaka was presented by students from Kansai University, Osaka, at the ILO Regional Office in Bangkok on 28 August. [Click for more.](#)



### Philippines' ratification of maritime convention is global milestone

The Philippines became the 30th country to ratify the ILO [Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 \(MLC, 2006\)](#), fulfilling the last condition for the first global standard that spans continents and oceans to go into effect in a year's time. [Click for more.](#)



### UN4U photo contest

A photo contest aimed at highlighting the core values of the United Nations is currently open for entries for residents of Asia and the Pacific. Photos can be submitted until 21 September 2012. [Click for more.](#)

### Indigenous Peoples Day

The [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#), on August 9, took the theme, 'Indigenous Media, Empowering Indigenous Voices'. To mark the day, a feature story on [The co-op that helps to weave dreams](#) and a video, [Return to Chitwan: the Bote people in Nepal](#) were released.

### Cash-for-Work provides relief in Fiji

Market vendors in Rakiraki, who were severely affected by floods, are the focus of a new cash-for-work project in Fiji, supported by the ILO. [Click for more.](#)

### Young people discuss partnerships and green jobs

A special International Youth Day edition of the APYouthNet video-cast, recorded at the United Nation's event to mark the 2012 Day on 8 August focused on "[Partnering with Youth for Decent Work](#)". Another talk show on "[Green jobs - Opportunities for youth](#)" is held in September. [Click for more on the Asia-Pacific YouthNet.](#)

### 13<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Women's Studies

Mrs Thetis Mangahas, Officer-in-Charge, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, addressed the National Convention on Women's Studies organized by the Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR) on 27 July in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Various research studies on gender issues were presented. [Click for more.](#)



### Significant increase in Philippines' breastfeeding rates applauded

Exclusive breastfeeding has increased from 36 per cent to 47 per cent in four years according to a joint ILO/UNICEF/WHO press release issued for a Global Breastfeeding Week in Manila. However, continuing breastfeeding after a mother returns to work remains a challenge. [Click for more.](#)

### Decent work in Cambodia

The [Decent Work Profile for Cambodia](#), including statistics, data and analysis of recent labour market developments was launched in Phnom Penh on 30 July. The launch was accompanied by a newspaper opinion piece 'Decent Work' in Cambodia: how far have we come? by Mr Jiyuan Wang, ILO Country Director for Thailand, Cambodia, and Lao PDR.

### Super Trainer" movies win award

A new super hero, "Super Trainer" is helping entrepreneurs in Timor-Leste, and the movies of his adventures have won a prize at the 6th Hanoi International FICTS Festival in July 2012. The films in English and Tetum, were made by the ILO's Business Opportunities and Support Services (BOSS) Project. [Click for more.](#)

### Latest Newsletters and Updates

The ILO office in Hanoi issued its first [Newsletter](#) featuring activities between July and September 2012. The ILO office in Manila released its [Decent Work for All, August](#) edition and the ILO office in Indonesia issued the [Better Work Indonesia](#) newsletter. ILO Suva published a new brochure on the [ILO and Its Operations in the Pacific](#).

| Other Recent Events  |
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| <a href="#">Seasonal Worker Programme Conference 2012</a><br>31 July-2 August, Sydney, Australia   |
| <a href="#">United Nations Photo Exhibit on Indigenous Women at the SM North Edsa</a><br>3-10 August, Quezon, Philippines  |
| <a href="#">Training on Entrepreneurship Development for TESDA (Mindanao)</a><br>6-10 August, Davao City, Philippines  |
| <a href="#">Training of Enterprises Workshop for 2nd Batch of 4 SMEs on SCORE Module 2 - Quality</a><br>7-8 August, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India   |
| <a href="#">Project on Ways out of Informality: Facilitating Formalization of Informal Economy in Nepal:</a><br>- <a href="#">Knowledge Sharing</a> , 15 August, Kathmandu<br>- <a href="#">Planning Workshop</a> , 16 August, Kathmandu |
| <a href="#">Orientation Workshop for Domestic Workers</a><br>20 August, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India   |
| <a href="#">Advocacy meeting with Trade Unions on Manual Scavenging</a><br>23 August, New Delhi, India   |
| <a href="#">National Tripartite Workshop on the Introduction of Employment Injury Insurance Scheme in Sri Lanka</a><br>23-24 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka  |
| <a href="#">Training on Achieving Education for All and Eliminating Child Labour in Nepal</a><br>26-30 August, Kathmandu, Nepal  |
| <a href="#">Tripartite consultative workshop on Maternity Protection in India</a><br>30-31 August, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India   |

## Feature

### Building disaster-resilient communities in the Philippines



By *Minette Rimando*, Communications Officer, ILO Country Office for the Philippines

September 14 is Natural Disaster Reduction Day. Helping disaster survivors get back to work and support their families is a vital part of rebuilding lives and communities. At the same time these programmes – such as that run for survivors of Tropical Storm Washi in the Philippines - can help people learn new skills, so opening up new opportunities for the future. [Click for more.](#)

## Look Ahead

### Green Jobs, Greener Business Plus Training

Sustainable enterprises and greener workplaces will be the focus of a three-day workshop in Bangkok, 5-7 September, organized under the Greener Business Asia Project. ILO constituents and partners will discuss experiences gained working with enterprises in the Philippines and hotels in Phuket, Thailand and next steps for promoting greener workplaces and sustainable enterprises in Thailand. [Click for more.](#)

### Social Security for Manual Scavengers in India

Enhancing knowledge on social security schemes and rehabilitation programmes for manual scavengers will be discussed with trade unions and civil society organizations. Three workshops will be held: [New Delhi](#) (8-9 October), [Bhopal](#), Madhya Pradesh (17-18 October) and [Patna](#), Bihar (26-27 October).

## Calendar

[Regional Seminar on Emerging Trends in Collective Bargaining During Times of Crisis](#)

24-26 September, Beijing, China

[Knowledge Sharing Forum on the Impact of Health Microinsurance](#)

25-26 September, New Delhi, India

[Tripartite Workshop on Work in Fishing Convention No.188](#)

20-24 September, Goa, India

[Tripartite Workshop to Introduce and Test the Guide on Pay Equity](#)

11 October, New Delhi, India

[4<sup>th</sup> ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference](#)

25-26 October, Hanoi, Viet Nam

[Training Workshop on ILO Classification of Chest Radiographs for Pneumoconiosis- 2000](#)

30 October-2 November, New Delhi, India

## Bookshelf

### [Case studies of policy coherence initiatives in developing Asia - \[pdf\]](#)

Bangkok: ILO, August 2012, 57 pp.



This paper highlights case studies of national efforts in Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines and Viet Nam to achieve greater policy coherence and coordination, ranging from institutional cooperation in poverty reduction programmes to integrated macroeconomic and social protection policy responses to the global economic crisis.

### [Building better industrial relations in an integrating ASEAN - \[pdf\]](#)

Bangkok: ILO, July 2012, 34 pp.

An integrated report from three regional seminars on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region, organized by the ASEAN-ILO/Japan Industrial Relations Project. The seminars covered: ASEAN integration, good practices for promoting sound and harmonious industrial relations; emerging issues and trends; and legal frameworks, and practices for disputes and settlements.



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