

**Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting  
Busan, Republic of Korea, 29 August – 1 September 2006**

It is my pleasure to invite your country to be represented at the *Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting* of the International Labour Organization, which will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 29 August to 1 September 2006. The *Meeting* venue will be the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre (BEXCO).

At four-yearly intervals, the Asian Regional Meeting brings together the political, economic and social actors from the countries of the region. This *Fourteenth Meeting* will focus particularly on the themes taken up in my two reports. The first report, *Decent Work in Asia: Reporting on Results 2001-2005*, will review ILO activities in the region during that period aimed at promoting decent work through efforts principally at the local and national levels. The second report, *Realizing Decent Work in Asia*, will be a thematic report on the action needed to promote decent work at the regional level. The latter contains an analysis of decent work opportunities and challenges in the context of globalization, regionalization and competitiveness in Asia; identifies key policy issues for realizing decent work in the region; discusses regional cooperation and strategic partnerships for addressing these issues; and calls on the ILO's tripartite constituents to identify concrete and practical outcomes for realizing decent work and to define the role of the Office in contributing to these outcomes.

The two reports will be sent to you in July.

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The enclosed *Rules for Regional Meetings*, approved by the ILO Governing Body at its 283rd (March 2002) Session and confirmed at the 90th (June 2002) Session of the International Labour Conference, will govern the powers, functions and procedures of the *Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting*. Your attention is drawn in particular to article 1 of the *Rules*, which deals with the tripartite composition of delegations. Acceptance of the invitation implies the responsibility of your Government for the travel and subsistence expenses of its tripartite delegation.

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The documents mentioned in this letter are being forwarded only to the addressee of the original.

In June 2004, I called on our constituents to strive to meet a **target of 30 per cent representation of women in delegations** to the International Labour Conference. For the *Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting*, as for all ILO meetings, I would urge governments, employers' and workers' organizations to increase their efforts to include more women in their delegations.

Article 9 of the *Rules* concerns the time-limit for the submission of credentials. --- The attached form for the presentation of credentials must be filled in and returned to the Office of the Legal Adviser of the International Labour Office in Geneva, **before Monday, 14 August 2006**. Visas should be arranged directly by participants (please see page 4 of the information note).

Further details concerning the venue, agenda and procedures of the *Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting*, as well as particulars regarding material arrangements, are given --- in the attached provisional programme and information note. The ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific is at your disposal to provide any additional information you may need. A web page giving official ILO information on the *Meeting* is available at the following URL:

<<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/rgmeet/asia.htm>>

In addition, the Government of the Republic of Korea has opened a Government-sponsored website with logistical information concerning the *Meeting*, which can be found at:

<<http://www.mol2006busan.org>>

It is strongly recommended that the attached hotel and tour reservation form be --- completed and returned as early as possible, to be certain of obtaining a confirmed booking (see page 3 of the information note: Reservation of hotel rooms).

I should be grateful if you could communicate this information to the representatives of the employers' and workers' organizations that will be part of your national delegation.

A special session of Ministers of Labour will be held on **Wednesday, 30 August 2006** at the Nurimaru APEC House, on the theme of "Developing workers' skills for decent jobs in a globalization context". The session will be preceded by an official lunch hosted by the Minister of Labour, Republic of Korea. I look forward to your personal participation in this event, which will greatly enrich the discussions of the *Meeting*.

The *Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting* will have the key task of shaping the ILO's programme for the region in the years to come. I count on your active engagement in charting the way ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Juan Somavia  
Director-General