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### **Asia Pacific Regional Workshop Entrepreneurship Education: “Improve quality and impact of youth entrepreneurship training”**

JAKARTA (ILO News): Latest ILO data indicates that 190.2 million people were unemployed across the globe in 2008, of which 75.9 million were aged between 15 and 24. Fostering employment creation has become a top priority for all policy makers. As part of the range of policy options available, entrepreneurship education is an important tool to support the creation of more and better jobs.

Since the new Medium Term Development Plan was adopted, the government of Indonesia has put a lot of emphasis in the development of entrepreneurship education and training activities; Five Ministries in the country are now implementing various programmes on entrepreneurship development.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has so far created and supported a network of 250 trainers for the module “start and improve your business” across the 33 Indonesian provinces. The Ministry of National Education has also replicated ILO “Know About Business” curriculum with 10,800 teachers in more than 4,500 schools. In China, Lao, Vietnam, and the Philippines, the same modules have been also adapted with great success. The Government of China, for instance, uses ILO modules for the entrepreneurship training of 1 Million youths per year.

In collaboration with the Jejaring Lapangan Kerja Bagi Kaum Muda (JEJAKMU) hosted under the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), ILO now organizes a three-day Regional Seminar on Entrepreneurship Education, between 21 and 23 September 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jakarta. During these three days, participants from China, Lao, the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia will exchange

their experiences and lessons learnt on how to ensure entrepreneurship trainings actually result in improved entrepreneurship skills of the trainees.

Patrick Daru, the Chief Technical Advisor of the Education and Skills Training (EAST) Project in ILO Jakarta office said that “Quality entrepreneurship education is a challenge all across the world and knowledge sharing is crucial to ensure a successful outcome of entrepreneurship education programmes. This seminar should play an important role in providing practical recommendations on best ways to measure the impact, and improve the quality of entrepreneurship education programmes in the region.”

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