

INVITATION

Advancing Responsible Labour Practices and Sustainability in Global Supply Chains - Learning from Japanese Vehicle Parts Companies in Thailand -

**4 February 2021 13:00-15:30 JST (GMT+9)
Webinar (Zoom) (with simultaneous translation)**

Registration [link](#) for participation

You are cordially invited to participate in a seminar on Advancing Responsible Labour Practices and Sustainability in Global Supply Chains. The event is hosted by the Institute of Developing Economies – Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), through its European Union (EU) funded Responsible Supply Chains in Asia (RSCA) programme and co-organised by the Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA). It will be facilitated via zoom with English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation.

In this webinar, the Programme will present the results of a joint IDE-JETRO - ILO study in the vehicle parts sector in Thailand, consider identified good practices and practical recommendations for stakeholders the study and discuss the role of the Japanese vehicle parts industry in the supply chains in Asia, especially in Thailand. It will also focus on the impact of COVID-19 on the supply chain, and measures to implement and promote the NAP to ensure alignment with international standards on CSR through a tripartite dialogue. Full details and a proposed agenda can be found below.

This webinar is open to companies, trade unions, governments, civil society organizations, researchers and those who are interested in sustainability and socially responsible practices across Asia. We look forward to your participation and invite you to register on this [link](#)

Event organization

Host organizers: IDE-JETRO and ILO (Funded by the EU through the RSCA programme)

Co-organizer: JAPIA

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Background.

[The RSCA programme](#) is a partnership between EU, the ILO and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), funded by the EU. This programme aims at advancing sustainable and inclusive growth by encouraging businesses to adopt policies and practices in the areas of human and labour rights and environmental protection standards in line with international instruments, such as [the ILO Tripartite Declaration concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy \(“ILO Tripartite Declaration”\)](#), the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (“OECD MNE Guidelines”) and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The programme is carried out in collaboration with Japan, China, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Underlying these activities is a growing international expectation for multinational corporations regarding responsible corporate behaviour in the supply chains. In Japan, [the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights \(NAP\)](#) was released in October 2020, which aims to contribute to the protection and respect for human rights in the international community by promoting responsible business conduct at home and abroad. The dissemination of good practices is key to advancing initiatives stipulated in the NAP. Furthermore, the impact of the recent COVID-19 pandemic on labour practices in the supply chain also needs close attention.

Agenda (with simultaneous translation).

Time (JST)	Session	Speakers
13:00 - 13:05	Welcome remarks	Mr Hironobu Kitagawa, Executive Vice President (IDE-JETRO)
13:05 - 13:10	Welcome remarks	Mr Fredy Guayacan, Programme Manager, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)
13:10 - 13:20	Opening speech	Mr Gabriele Lo Monaco, Counsellor, Trade Section (Delegation of the European Union to Japan)
13:20 - 13:45	Presentation of IDE-JETRO – ILO joint study in the vehicle parts sector Research findings: identified good practices and practical recommendations for stakeholders	- Ms Miwa Yamada, Director, Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center (IDE-JETRO) - Ms Naomi Inoue (ILO Consultant)
13:45 - 14:35	Panel 1: Case studies of Japanese vehicle parts companies in Thailand - Implementation of HQ CSR policy in Thailand - Supplier engagement - Engagement with employees	- Ms Naomi Inoue (ILO Consultant) (Moderator) - Mr Yoko Takayama, Manager, Business Management Head Office Division (Thai NOK) - Mr Yutaka Fukaya, Executive Vice President (DENSO INTERNATIONAL ASIA) - Mr Takeshi Nagata, Executive General Manager, Administrative Division (DENSO INTERNATIONAL ASIA) - Mr Theeraporn Sri-Udomsrip, General Manager, TSD Procurement (DENSO (THAILAND))
Break (14:35-14:40)		
14:40 - 15:25	Panel 2: The role of Japan to promote the labour perspective of CSR in the supply chains in Asia going forward - Possible joint actions agreed by the panellists based on the outcome of the study - Dissemination of good practices to promote the NAP in Japan - The impact of COVID-19 on labour practices in the supply chains	- Mr Ryusuke Tanaka, Programme Officer (ILO Office for Japan) (Moderator) - Ms Mamiko Chiya, Director, International Labour and Cooperation Office, International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) - Mr Motofumi Nakajima, Director, International Affairs Bureau (Confederation of Japan Automobile Workers' Unions (JAW)) - Mr Chitaka Kambe, Director, Public Relations Division (DENSO) - Ms Miwa Yamada, Director, Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center (IDE-JETRO)
15:25 - 15:30	Closing remarks	Shinichi Takasaki, Director (ILO Office for Japan)