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ILO's 90th anniversary on April 27

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International Labour Organisation (ILO), will mark its 90th anniversary with a world-wide series of activities, including a high-level event in Islamabad on April 27.

The event will recognise the work of the organisation and its partners - governments, workers and employers - in Pakistan. The special relationship with Pakistan will be marked with a keynote speech by the Federal Minister for Labour and Manpower, Syed Khursheed Ali Shah. The ILO's Country Director Donglin Li will give an overview of the significance of the organisation side by side the current global crises.

A number of guests including ambassadors, heads of United Nations' agencies, representatives of the Pakistan government, Workers' and Employers' Organisations, and other dignitaries will participate in the event. "In the last 90 years the ILO has played a vital role in many workplace improvements that we now take for granted, including the 6 day week, the basic eight hour day, and the right to organise," said Donglin Li, ILO's Country Director to Pakistan. "ILO 90 comes during a global economic and employment crisis.

It underscores the importance of promoting social justice and a fairer system of globalisation, and shows that the work of the ILO is as relevant today as it has ever been," he said. Pakistan, out of 31 member countries of the ILO in Asia - Pacific, has been the host of the ILO's country office for the last 40 years. Globally, the Organisation's member States number 183.