

Meeting on the New Thai Ministerial Regulation on Domestic Workers

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Bangkok (ILO News) – A media briefing on the new Thai Ministerial Regulation on Domestic Workers will be held in Bangkok on 10 March 2013 at the Chaophya Park Hotel.

Speakers will include the Labour Minister (or his representative) and Ms Nelien Haspels, ILO Senior Gender Specialist who will give details of the key elements of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention (C 189) and its accompanying Recommendation which were adopted by ILO member States in June 2011. A representative from the Employers' Confederation of Thailand, a Thai and a migrant domestic worker will also give their views.

In November 2012, Thailand enacted the Ministerial Regulation on Domestic Workers which give protection to all domestic workers in Thailand. The regulation specifies that domestic workers are entitled to at least one day off per week, 13 traditional holidays each year, paid overtime for work on holidays and paid sick leave. They are also entitled to severance pay. Hiring of workers under 15 years of age is prohibited by the law.

The Ministerial Regulation follows the provisions of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention, No. 189 which has been recognized as an important legal instrument in the protection of domestic workers, most of whom are women, and many of whom are migrants working in a traditionally 'invisible' workplace. The Convention sets out the principle that domestic workers around the world must have the same basic labour rights as those available to other workers.

The briefing is jointly organized by the Ministry of Labour, the ILO and the Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion (or Homenet), an NGO working for home based workers and other informal economy worker. It will be held at the Chaophaya Ballroom, Chaophya Park Hotel, Ratchadapisek Road on Sunday 10 March 2013, 09.30-10.40 hours. The programme is attached.

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PROGRAMME

Duration	Description
08:30 - 9:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:40	Welcome remarks and highlights of the new Ministerial Regulation By Mr. Padermchai Sasomsap , Minister of Labour
	ILO perspectives on the new ministerial regulation and Convention 189 concerning decent work for domestic workers By Ms. Nelien Haspels , Senior Gender Specialist, ILO-Bangkok
	Perspectives from domestic workers representative By A Thai and a migrant domestic worker
	Perspective from Employers representative By ECOT's representative
	Questions and Answers: One month after launching the new Ministerial regulation Facilitate by Ms Poonsap Suanmeaung Tulaphan, HomeNetThailand
10.40-11.00	Group photo and coffee break