ILO-Australia sign partnership agreement
The Government of Australia and the ILO recently signed a five-year partnership agreement worth $A15 million for first two years to promote employment and decent work in Asia and the Pacific.  Click for more. Australian Government news release.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work
28 April is observed globally as World Day for Safety and Health at Work. (OSH) Counties throughout the region organized activities to highlight the importance of safe work. Statement by ILO Director-General. More on OSH Day. Here are some activities in the region:

Viet Nam: Some 2,500 garment workers ran at the Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park, Binh Duong Province on 25 April in a safety run campaign to mark OSH Day. Click for more.

Cambodia: The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training organized a march in Kampot Province with some 350 representatives of the Government, employers and workers marching along Kampot river carrying specially-printed flags with the campaign theme, placards and banner. Click for more.

Philippines: Besides commemoritive activities, a Statement of Support for the Ratification of the ILO Convention No. 187 on A Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health for the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council to endorse the President of the Republic of the Philippines was signed in Quezon City.

Fiji: The Fiji Decent Work Country Programme was signed in Suva along with a workshop was organized on Emerging Risks and New Patterns of Prevention in a Changing World of Work, and an exhibition and awareness raising activities on OSH, chemicals and HIV/AIDS were held.

Viet Nam strengthens employer-worker negotiations
Viet Nam announced it is taking steps to strengthen its legal framework by creating a better environment for workers and employers to settle differences at a national conference on the Future of Industrial Relations and the Revision of the Labour Code and Trade Union Law, in Hanoi 1-2 April. Click for more.

Indonesia Youth Employment Conference
To tackle challenges of youth employment and facilitate more effective government planning, the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) and the ILO organized an Youth Employment Conference, 15–16 April in Jakarta. Click for more.

Competency-Based Learning Workshops
The Indonesian Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, which oversees the Vocational Training Centres (Balai Latihan Kerja or BLK) conducted competency-based training, 5-16 April 2010 in Jakarta in order to revitalize and strengthen the capacity of BLKs. Click for more.
Jobs for Peace Project, Nepal
The Jobs for Peace (J4P) Project was launched in Parsa and Rautahat districts, Nepal, with the aim of contributing to national peace building and poverty reduction by engaging youth in productive employment activities and empowerment. It is funded by the UNPFA, FAO and ILO.

HIV/AIDS training for education officers, India
A training for education officers from Andra Pradesh was held in Vishakapatnam with, 27-28 April to enhance the understanding of participants on HIV/AIDS Programme and the government's policies and strategy on HIV/AIDS. Click for more.

New ILO India and Philippines web sites
Two more countries in the region recently launched their new web sites:

Feature

Physical disability no barrier to young Sri Lankan entrepreneur

By Henrik Vistisen & Gihan Thalgodapitiya, Youth Employment Project, (ILO/Japan), Sri Lanka

(Kegalle, Sri Lanka) Puspakumara turns on the light and positions his wheelchair in front of a workbench at his electronics repair shop. Television monitors and mobile phones are carefully laid out on the bench as Puspakumara gets down to work. This young entrepreneur is the beneficiary of a mentoring programme set up by the local Chamber of Commerce and the ILO Youth Employment Project (ILO/Japan). His technical skills clearly outweigh any disadvantages of impaired mobility, and only two months after the official opening of his shop, Puspakumara says he is satisfied with his achievements so far. Click for more.

Look Ahead

Calendar

Launch of the Global Report on Child Labour
6 May, Bangkok, Thailand

National Workshop on Development of 2nd National Occupational Safety and Health Programme in Viet Nam
6 May, Hanoi, Viet Nam

International Conference on Informal Economy: Statistical Measurement, Economic Implications and Public Policies
6-7 May, Hanoi, Viet Nam
### ILO - Better Factories Cambodia Buyers Forum
6-7 May, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
A forum of international clothing brands and other industry stakeholders to discuss improvements in working conditions and the direction of the BFC programme

### Work Improvement in the Neighbourhood Development Training of Trainers
7-15 May, Thai Nguyen, Viet Nam

### Annual ADB-ILO Meeting on Cooperation under the Memorandum of Understanding
13 May, Bangkok, Thailand

### Trade Union Workshop for Dialogue on Job Retention and film: “Rights to Reality”
18-19 May, Beijing, China

### ASEAN:
- Hanoi, Viet Nam
  - 20-21 May: [Preparatory Senior Labour Officials Meeting](#) (PrepSLOM)
  - 24 May: [21st ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting](#)
  - 25 May: [Second ASEAN Human Resource Conference](#)

### National Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health in SMEs in China
1 June, Wuhan, China

### Skills building workshop for mainstreaming consultants of State AIDS Control Society on workplace interventions and public private partnerships
2-4 June, New Delhi, India

### International Labour Conference
2-18 June, Geneva, Switzerland

### HIV/AIDS training for education officers of Central Board for Workers’ Education
8-9 June, Hooghly, West Bengal, India

### National Workshop on Elimination of Child Labour: Reviewing the Current and Planning for the Future
10-11 June, Jakarta, Indonesia

### World Day against Child Labour (11-12 June)
- Bangkok, Thailand: Commemoration and closing workshop of the IPEC Thailand Project;
- Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Rally against Child Labour;
- Tokyo, Japan: ILO/Bunkyo Gakuin University:
  - Film showing: “Chokora” a Japanese film on street children in Kenya;
  - Symposium: Present and Future of Child Labour;
- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia: Go for the Goal—End Child Labour

### Sri Lanka's Road Map to 2016 – Elimination of the worst forms of child labour
22-24 June 2010, Colombo, Sri Lanka
National profile on occupational safety and health and fire - explosion prevention in Vietnam, 2005-2009 - [pdf 1047 KB]
An update on Viet Nam national occupational safety and health policies and legal requirements during 2005-2009 and an evaluation of the OSH situation and challenges ahead.

Labour conditions in forestry in Indonesia
Indonesia: ILO, 2010, 57 pp., English and Bahasa
This report looks at how to improve working conditions in the forestry sector in terms of income levels, access to training, job status and combatting against forced labour.

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