News Round-up

President of Switzerland launches ILO SCORE project in Indonesia
H.E. Madame Doris Leuthard, President of the Swiss Confederation attended the launch of an ILO project designed to help Indonesia's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) become more competitive and sustainable by focusing on workplace cooperation and improving labour and working conditions. [Click for more]

Mongolia’s commitment to eliminate the worst forms of child labour
Mrs T. Gandi, Minister of Social Welfare and Labour confirmed Mongolia’s commitment towards eliminating the worst forms of child labour at a tripartite meeting held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 8 July. The meeting agreed to establish a working group to draft a National Action Plan to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016, the target date of the Global Action Plan. [Click for more]

Afghanistan adopts its first Decent Work Country Programme
Afghanistan’s first Decent Work Country Programme was signed during a ceremony at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled on 17 July in Kabul. [Click for more]

New ILO Manila Director
Mr Lawrence Jeffrey Johnson, the new Director of the ILO Country Office for the Philippines said he supports the Philippine Government in its goal to promote decent and productive work. He spoke after witnessing the inauguration of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III in Manila on 30 June. [Click for more]

APYouthNet Online Discussion Forum
Professor Niall O’Higgins of Salerno University, Italy moderated the Forum focussing on Active Labour Markets for Young People from 19 to 31 July. Participants exchanged experiences, expertise and feedback on youth employment related issues. For the consolidated response of the last APYN discussion forum on vulnerable youth, click here.

Addressing the effects of trade on employment
A knowledge sharing workshop on Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment was held in Jakarta, 12-16 July. The aim was to promote the understanding of government officials, trade unions and employers on the benefits of free trade agreements and that trade and employment policies should be coherent. [Click for more]

Promoting gender equality for workers at Shanghai EXPO
The ILO and the All China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) joined hands in promoting gender equality and decent work through strengthening workers’ education and social dialogue. The workshop was held at the United Nations pavilion at the Shanghai EXPO 2010 on 8 July. [Click for more]

Building capacity of employers on Mongolia’s labour laws
The ILO Bureau for Employers’ Activities (ACTEMP) conducted training for members of the Mongolian Employers Federation (MONEF) so they are equipped to provide meaningful inputs into the labour law revision process in representing the interests of employers. It was held in Ulaanbaatar, 5-6 July 2010. [Click for more]
Feature

Turning Old: A Domestic Worker’s Nightmare

By Sindhu Menon, a reporter whose article was short-listed for the 2010 ILO-ITC Decent Work Reporting Prize

Tithli Ben migrated to Delhi in 1969 at the age of 19 after marriage to Dumru Bhai, a mechanic working in a small workshop in Mehrauli in South Delhi. They settled in a small jhuggie (makeshift shelter) near the workshop. Dumru Bhai was on contract, and used to get paid based on work done. Since it was a small workshop, the orders were few and the income was low. Click for more.

Look Ahead

Communicating Labour Rights
Media professionals in Asia and the Pacific are invited to apply for a training course on Communicating Labour Rights, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, 4-8 October. The course will cover international labour standards, the ILO’s databases and the work of the ILO’s supervisory bodies. It is co-sponsored by the International Training Centre in Turin, Italy and the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Normally held in Turin, this is the first time it is being offered in Bangkok. Click for more.

Industrial Relations in Lao PDR
A national workshop to build the Lao PDR tripartite constituents’ capacity relating to disputes settlement and collective bargaining will be held in Vientiane, 9-10 August. The workshop will analyse trends in labour disputes and look for solutions and establish a framework for a tripartite working group. Click for more.

The 5th China International Forum on Work Safety
Taking the theme “Put People First, Ensure Safe Development”, this year’s Forum, will bring together representatives of governments, workers, employers, with safety and health professionals from China and other countries. The event will be held in Beijing, China, 31 August-2 September. Click for more.

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**Bookshelf**

**Employment policies for social justice and a fair globalization**
The report looks at how employment policies, as an integrated part of a decent work approach, can contribute to social justice for a fair globalization. It is one of the discussion papers from the 99th International Labour Conference, 2010.

**General Survey concerning employment instruments in light of the 2008 Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization**
This General Survey of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations looks at six employment instruments relevant to the promotion of employment, which is one of the four strategic objectives highlighted in the 2008 ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization.

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