News Round-up

VIET NAM’S DECENT WORK AND TRIPPARTISM MURAL
A mosaic illustrating “Decent Work and Tripartism” was unveiled by the ILO’s Regional Director, Sachiko Yamamoto, and the tripartite constituents in Viet Nam on 24 September. The four kilometre-long mural runs alongside the Red River in Hanoi and is the longest such mural in the world. The “Ceramic Road” depicts various workplaces in Viet Nam as well as symbols and pictures related to cooperation, social dialogue and decent work in Viet Nam. Click for more.

ILO DIRECTOR-GENERAL RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The ILO’s Director-General, Juan Somavia, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and social development. Click for more.

SUPPORTING BUSINESS IN TIMOR-LESTE
A four-year project to help small businesses and boost decent employment in Timor-Leste is to get underway. The agreement initiating the Business Opportunities and Support Services (BOSS) Project was signed in Dili on 20 September by the Ministry of Economy and Development. Irish Aid and the ILO. Click for more.

PHOTO COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS GENDER EQUALITY FOR DECENT EMPLOYMENT
The ILO in Pakistan is organizing a photo competition to highlight gender issues in the workplace. The competition, “Gender Equality for Decent Employment” or GE4DE, is open for entries until October 15. Click for more.

PAKISTAN FLOODS IMPACT ASSESSMENT
More than 5.3 million jobs may have been lost or affected by the floods that devastated more than 70 districts of Pakistan. The ILO’s initial impact assessment of Pakistan’s worst-ever floods says that productive, labour intensive job creation programmes are urgently needed to lift millions of people out of poverty that has been aggravated by flood-related damage. Click for more.

PREVENTING BONDED LABOUR IN INDIA
As part of efforts to reduce the chances of poor and vulnerable workers falling into bonded labour the Government of India, representatives of the State of Orissa and the ILO held a meeting on 20 September in Orissa. Among other topics the workshop discussed ways to include more poor and informal sector workers in development initiatives. Click for more.

DISABILITY CHAMPIONS SOUGHT
A Disability Champions programme was launched at Thailand’s Labour Museum in Bangkok on 3 September. Under the programme Thai labour unions are invited to submit projects that will help people with disabilities find decent work. The best proposals will become Disability Champions and grants will be given to put these ideas into practice. Click for more.
**Feature**

**Changing a young man’s life**

By R. Sivapragasam, Senior Training Specialist, ILO Country Office for Sri Lanka and the Maldives (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) Many young people in Sri Lanka have to drop out of school to support their families. 17-year-old Thangavel Nadesaseelan, from a remote village in Batticaloa District, had to start work at the age of 14 when his mother died. The Recovery Coordination Initiative (RCI) changed his life by providing the necessary vocational training that allowed him to find decent employment. [Click for more.]

**Look Ahead**

**Communicating Labour Rights course for the media**

Journalists from 13 countries in the region will gather in Bangkok, 4-8 October, for an ILO-International Training Centre (ITC-Turin) course that will help them use international labour standards and work-related data and information to improve their reporting. [Click for more.]

**Third Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region: Legal Framework and Practice for Labour Dispute and Settlement**

As part of the ILO/Japan Industrial Relations Project, representatives of Governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations from the ASEAN countries will meet to discuss industrial relations practices and related legal frameworks. The meeting will be held in Manila, Philippines, 25-26 November. [Click for more.]

**Visioning event for ILO Asia Pacific Community of Practice (CoP) on Migration**

Discussions on establishing an ILO Asia Pacific Community of Practice on migration, creating an on-line discussion platform to encourage debate and share technical expertise, will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 25-27 October. [Click for more.]

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Agenda for labour migration policy in Thailand: towards long-term competitiveness - [pdf 1467 KB]
By Pracha Vasuprasat, ILO Bangkok: September 2010, 50 pp.
This report looks at the long-term impact of Thailand's policies on labour migration. It suggests that Thailand should place immigration and labour migration policies high on its national agenda, reform institutions managing labour migration and improve inter-agency coordination.

Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Indonesia - National Background Study - [pdf 686 KB]
An overview of programmes, activities and data collection exercises related to decent work in Indonesia. It serves as a basis for the identification of national Decent Work Indicators and new data collection tools.

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