New ILO/ADB report on working women in Asia
A report on women and labour markets in the region, jointly compiled by the ILO and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was released on Friday 29 April, in the run-up to Labour Day on May 1. Click for more.

Improving regional labour market analysis
Methods for producing better information and data on labour market trends were discussed at a workshop for government agency technical staff and academic researchers from ASEAN member countries. The workshop was held 27-29 April in Bangkok, Thailand, and aimed to build the capacity of member states to monitor and analyse evolving labour market conditions and their impact on poverty. Click for more.

Strengthening labour inspection in China
Ways of strengthening labour inspection services and ensuring they keep pace with emerging issues were discussed at a workshop held 21-22 April, in Weifang, Shandong Province. Click for more.

Indonesian Jobs Pact signed
President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono witnessed the signing of the Indonesian Jobs Pact at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta on 13 April. The Jobs Pact is designed to ensure the economy remains competitive while all citizens enjoy the benefits of economic growth through the creation of decent and productive employment. Click for more.

Boosting employment in Indonesia
Ways of increasing productive employment and improving labour market analysis were discussed at two workshops attended by policymakers, social partners and academics; in East Java, 4-5 April and Ambon, 11–13 April.

India’s domestic workers meet UN Youth Champion
Monique Coleman, United Nations Youth Champion met young domestic workers and ILO staff in New Delhi on 8 April. Click for more.

Latest specialist newsletters and updates
The latest editions of some ILO specialist newsletters have been published. Asia-Pacific Labour Market Update, April 2011 looks at recent economic and labour market trends. The ILO Better Factories newsletter highlights the latest developments in Cambodia’s garment industry. News in Brief is the first edition of a new bi-monthly newsletter compiled by the ILO Country Office for the South Pacific Island Countries. In addition the ILO Office in Japan has created a web page with information on the recent disasters in Japan, including activities related to employment.
Workshop on HIV/AIDS for Outreach Workers/Peer Educators & Training Programme on HIV/AIDS for Labour Administrators and Labour Inspectors
14-15 April, New Delhi, India

Safety Fun Run
17 April, Binh Duong, Viet Nam

A judicial colloquium on the impact of ILO conventions on the adjudication of disputes before Labour Tribunals
23 April, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Visioning Event for ILO Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Industrial Relations (AP-IR Net)
26-28 April, Bangkok, Thailand

World Bank/AusAid/ILO Regional Labour Markets Analysis Workshop
27-29 April, Bangkok, Thailand

National Tripartite Workshop on the ILO Convention on Promotional Framework on Occupational Safety and Health
28 April, Hanoi, Viet Nam

National Conference on Climate Change and Green Jobs
28 April, Kathmandu, Nepal

Workshop on Labour Issues in Bilateral and Regional Foreign Trade Agreements
29 April, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Feature

ILO training keeps Fiji green and clean
By Surfaka Katafono, National Programme Officer, ILO Country Office for South Pacific Island Countries

April 28th is observed globally as World Day for Safety and Health at Work. Waste collectors in Fiji have reason to celebrate this day, because, thanks to a new ILO programme combining ‘green’ environmental support measures with occupational safety and health (OSH) practices, they are enjoying better, safer and greener working conditions. Click for more.

Look Ahead

Gender awareness training for Viet Nam business support organizations
A facilitators’ training workshop to help business support organizations carry out self-assessments of their gender awareness will be held in Hao Binh, 18-20 May. Click for more.

Asia Regional Facilitators’ Training Course on Value Chain Development
The concept of value chain development and international good practices will be the focus of this one week course to be held 16-20 May, in Tagaytay City, Philippines. Click for more.

Action Campaign for World Day against Child Labour in Viet Nam
To mark World Day against Child Labour (12 June), activities will be held 1-12 June in Hanoi to raise awareness about the problems of child labour. They will include a discussion forum, a drawing competition, a documentary film, a television spot and a game show. Click for more.
Calendar

**Social Protection Floor and Global Jobs Pact: Knowledge Sharing Workshop for Employers’ Organizations in India**
4-5 May, Pune, Maharashtra, India

**Workshop on Measuring Decent Work in Cambodia**
4-6 May, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**The 5th Industrial Relations Team Meeting**
12 May, Bangkok, Thailand

**APYouthNet forum on labour migration policies**
16-27 May, online

**ToT Workshop on OSH-Management Systems**
23-24 May, Hue, Viet Nam

**Managing micro finance training in Viet Nam**
23 May-3 June, Hanoi, Viet Nam

**Residential training programme on trafficking and forced labour for police officers**
24-25 May, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Judicial colloquium on human trafficking and forced labour for Magistrates**
25-26 June, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Bookshelf

**Labour and social trends in Indonesia 2010: translating economic growth into employment creation** - [pdf 1428 KB] & **Bahasa Indonesian** - [pdf 2698 KB]
This report – the third of its kind - focuses on the link between economic growth, employment creation and poverty reduction in Indonesia and provides analysis and information for policymakers.

**From the Great Recession to Labour Market Recovery: Issues, evidence and policy options** – [pdf - Executive Summary]
This book showcases research undertaken by leading experts on the macroeconomic and labour market dimensions of the 2007-2009 financial crisis. It provides a global overview, interpreting causes, consequences and policy responses from the perspective of developing and developed countries.

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