Interview with the ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific
After his first few weeks in the post Mr Yoshiteru Uramoto, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, talks about his impressions of the region and his priorities. Click for more.

Bangladesh factory fires
The ILO Country Office for Bangladesh issued a statement about the garment factory fires in Ashulia on 24 November, reiterating the need for better, safer working conditions.

Reforms in Myanmar
Myanmar’s commitment to implement the ILO action plan to eliminate forced labour has been welcomed by ILO’s Director-General, Guy Ryder. The latest report of the ILO Liaison Officer for Myanmar has been presented to the ILO Governing Body; and, in a video interview, the Liaison Officer gives his analysis of the Myanmar reform process.

ILO names five countries for serious freedom of association violations
The ILO Committee on Freedom of Association has highlighted the situations in five countries, including Cambodia and Fiji, where there are serious issues related to the right to organize, collective bargaining and social dialogue. Click for more.

Viet Nam’s women workers get better protection
Viet Nam has amended its Labour Code to improve women’s protection from sexual harassment in the workplace. Click for more.

Reconstructing Aceh and Nias
The reconstruction of Aceh and Nias after the 2004 earthquake and tsunami was discussed at a seminar held on 13 November in Jakarta. Click for more.

Youth guarantees
The possible use of youth guarantees in Asia and the Pacific was the subject of the latest video podcast and online discussion by ILO APYouthNet.

Better protection for domestic workers in Thailand
The ILO office in Thailand has welcomed a new Ministerial Regulation that will give domestic workers better workplace protection. Click for more.

Latest Newsletters and Updates
The ILO Country Office for Pacific Island Countries issued its Newsletter for September/October 2012. The ILO Country Office for the Philippines released Intervention Stories, focusing on the use of local economic development to create youth employment in Antique. ILO Country Office for Viet Nam released its November newsletter, also available in Vietnamese.

Other Recent Events
National Workshop on Decent Work for Sanitation Workers and Workers in Manual Scavenging
31 October-1 November, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India

Establishing a new PNG National Employment Policy
1 November, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
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21-22 November, Mumbai, India

Trainers' Training Programme on HIV and AIDS for Employers' Organizations/Corporates
21-22 November, New Delhi, India

Workshop on Promoting Sustainable Tourism in Hoi An
22-23 November, Hoi An, Viet Nam

Tripartite Workshop to Introduce and Test the Guide on Pay Equity
26-27 November, New Delhi, India

Rural Youth Employment Forum
26 November, Phu Tho, Viet Nam

Regional Training and Knowledge Sharing Workshop: Enhancing Labour Statistics for Measuring Decent Work in Asia and the Pacific
27-30 November, Bangkok, Thailand

Workshop on Employment Policy
28-30 November, Suva, Fiji

Feature

HIV stigma – a new form of dying

By Richard Howard, Senior Specialist on HIV/AIDS, ILO Decent Work Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific

HIV is no longer a killer but HIV stigma is. As World AIDS Day is observed on 1 December, ILO research in China, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand sheds light on the problem and suggests ways it can be addressed. Click for more.

Look Ahead

ILO Director-General to visit Thailand and the Philippines
The ILO Director-General, Mr Guy Ryder, will visit Thailand from 13 to 16 December and the Philippines from 16 to 17 December. During his trip he will meet representatives of the governments, workers and employers and visit ILO projects.

Green Growth and Green Jobs for Youth
Creating green jobs, particularly for young people, will be the focus of a meeting of experts organized jointly by ILO, UNEP and UNECSAP in Bangkok, 12-13 December. Click for more.

Calendar

Tripartite Annual Review of Decent Work Country Programme
4 December, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Participation of Women in the Sri Lankan Labour Force: Trends, Barriers and Policies
4 December, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Knowledge-sharing Workshop on Way Out of Informality
6 December, New Delhi, India
Tripartite Workshop on Work in Fishing Convention No.188
6-7 December, Goa, India

Workshop on using the ILO Gender Mainstreaming in TVET in Bangladesh Resource Guide
10-12 December, Dhaka, Bangladesh

National Partners Forum on Child Labour
10-12 December, Manila, Philippines

Workshops of Project on Way out of Informality: Facilitating Formalization of Informal Economy in Nepal
Knowledge Sharing Workshop, 10 December, Kathmandu, Nepal
Planning Workshop, 11 December, Kathmandu, Nepal

National Workshop on Knowledge Sharing and Closure of the ILO IPEC Time Bound Support Project, Phase II
17-18 December, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Workshop on National Employment Policy for Cambodia with a Focus on Young Women and Men
18-19 December, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Bookshelf

Manual for Training Trainers of Enterprises - [pdf]
This manual provides guidelines on developing workplace HIV/AIDS policies and programmes for employees and their family members that will contribute to an environment that supports behaviour change and protection from HIV.

Decent Work in Myanmar - [pdf]
This document outlines the framework of the ILO Programme in Myanmar for November 2012-April 2014. It includes an Annex of the various programme components.

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