

Promoting Occupational Safety and Health in Asia and the Pacific



AT A GLANCE

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- ➔ **Donor**
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- ➔ **Duration**
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Employers and workers in Asia and the Pacific
- ➔ **Geographical focus**
Asia and the Pacific



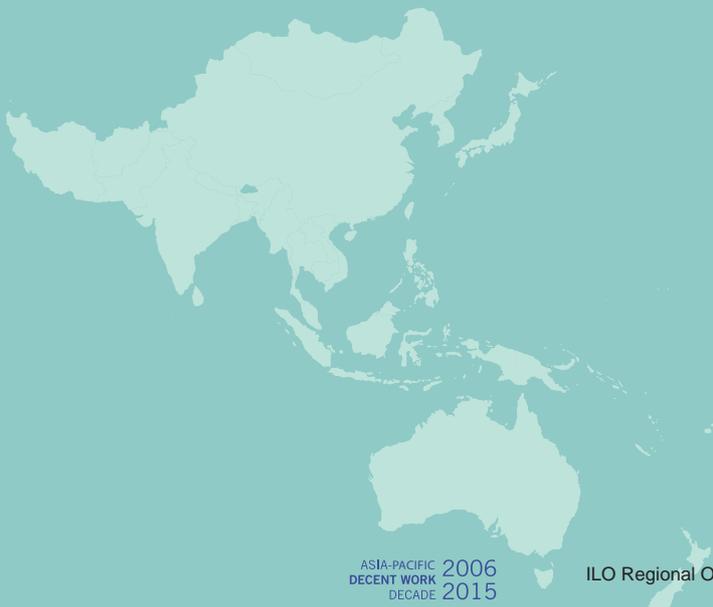
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

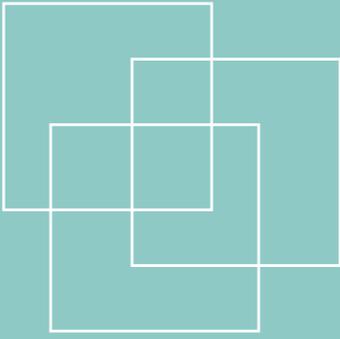
Every year more than 1.1 million people die from occupational accidents or work-related diseases in Asia and the Pacific. The poorest, least protected, least informed and least trained are the most affected. Women, children, disabled workers, migrant workers, and ethnic minorities are often involved.

Occupational accidents and diseases have an impact not only on the lives of individual workers but also on the productivity and profitability of their enterprises and ultimately on the welfare of their entire societies. Governments, workers and employers in Asia and the Pacific are increasing their efforts to prevent accidents and diseases at the workplace.

By organizing workshops and training sessions and providing technical support to the tripartite constituents, the ILO/Korea Partnership Programme aims to strengthen national occupational safety and health (OSH) systems in the region, including labour inspections, occupational injury reporting, training, information and national OSH campaigns.

The programme complements the ILO's efforts to develop and implement strategic national OSH programmes across the region, create a preventative safety and health culture and reach out to more workers, including migrants, those with HIV/AIDS and those in the informal economy.





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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Organizing a two-week International Fellowship Training Programme to Improve Occupational Safety and Health Conditions in Asia and the Pacific in the Republic of Korea.
- Organizing a National Workshop on Risk Assessment to Strengthen the Capacity of OSH Officials and the Inspectorate in Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- Supporting a Better Work Indonesia Workshop on OSH Management Systems and Safety Culture for Korean managers in Korean-owned companies in Indonesia.
- Holding a national consultation on the mid-term review of the National OSH Programme of Lao People's Democratic Republic (2011–15) and promoting OSH through the National and Provincial OSH Committees of Occupational Safety and Health.
- Supporting the ASEAN-OSHNET workshop on strengthening the National Occupational Safety and Health Policies related to the ILO Convention No. 187 in Viet Nam.
- Supporting the National Safety and Health Workshop on Strengthening Labour Inspection and Ratification of ILO Convention No. 187 in Indonesia.
- Organizing a one-week International Fellowship Training Programme on Action-Oriented Training Approaches to Improve Occupational Safety and Health Conditions and Productivity in SMEs and Informal Economy Workplaces in the Republic of Korea.
- Supporting workshops for training of trainers (TOT) and Work Improvement for Small Construction Sites (WISCON) in Indonesia.
- Finalizing the WISCON manual and translation of ILO OSH material into different national languages in the region.
- Reviewing the achievements, lessons and constraints of the OSH programme to support better implementation.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Deepening the understanding of the importance of the ratification and implementation of ILO Conventions No. 187 and No. 155 on occupational safety and health.
- Creating visions and ideas to promote OSH culture and policies for workers and employers.
- Building the capacity of constituents in applying general OSH principles, sharing best practices, and improving training capacities relating to OSH.
- Extending OSH protection to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the informal economy by drafting action plans on practical OSH training activities at national level and learning from the experiences of Korean SMEs.
- Recognizing key features of OSH Management Systems, risk assessment and emerging issues in the region.
- Strengthening the capacity of OSH labour officials and inspectors at national and provincial levels to undertake risk assessments as part of overall risk management work, through increased knowledge and skills on risk assessment.
- Promoting the implementation, compliance with and enforcement of the draft Labour Protection Act in Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- Sharing experiences in designing, implementing and evaluating action-oriented training programmes.
- Enhancing the understanding of the importance of tripartism and social dialogue for better coordination at national and regional levels.
- Disseminating ILO studies on the linkage between OSH working conditions and productivity.

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