**NEWS ON SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY**

Universities in East Asia - the region that is the main source of overseas students to Australia - do not provide their graduates with the skills that firms need to increase productivity. [Read more](#)

A pilot vocational training project of Tajikistan's Migration Service and Russia's Federal Migration Service (FMS) has been launched at the vocational technical school under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection in Dushanbe, Asia-Plus reported. [Read more](#)

In response to floods in Sindh, ILO has launched “Cash for Work” Project for the flood-affected people in Districts of Badin and Mirpurkhas. This project will generate more than 35,000 of person day of employment to the flood affected people. [Read more](#)

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**DISCUSSION ON SKILLS FOR GREEN JOBS**

During the last two weeks of November 2011, the Skills and Employability Network hosted a discussion on Skills for Green Jobs together with the Green Jobs-AP (an ILO Community of Practice on Green Jobs). The topic for discussion were Skills for Green Jobs and Ms. Sandra Rothboek was the moderator for the discussion. She is a former ILO Skills and Employability Expert with extensive experience in the fields of Skills, Employment and sustainable development. The discussion took place [HERE](#), on the Skills and Employability portal and it was a productive and interesting exchange of insights and expertise in the field of Skills and Green Jobs. We thank all of you who made this discussion an interesting and important event.

We would also like to encourage you to sign up for the Green Jobs-AP to find more resources, news and information about Green Jobs in Asia and the Pacific.

**EVENTS**

◊ [National Workshop on Rural Employment Strategies for Poverty Alleviation](#) 10 November 2011 | Vientiane, Lao PDR

◊ [Training on Employment Counselling for District Officers in Lao PDR](#) 14-30 November 2011 | Lao PDR

◊ [Fellowship Training Programme to Upgrade Skills of Vocational Training Teachers at HRD Korea](#) 15-30 November 2011 | Incheon, Republic of Korea

◊ [Comprehensive Training on Employment Services for New ESIC in Lao PDR](#) 12-14 December 2011 | Vientiane, Lao PDR

◊ [National Youth Employment Forum](#) 15-16 December 2011 | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

For more information about upcoming, current and past events go to the [Skills and Employability Network](#)

**RESOURCE ON SKILLS FOR GREEN JOBS**

Skills for Green Jobs—A Global View is a newly published resource on the topic for our November discussion. The publication examines the experiences of 21 developed and developing countries in adjusting their training provision to meet the new demands of a greener economy. It shows that skills development is critical to unlocking the employment potential of green growth, yet skills shortages are becoming an obstacle in realizing this potential. The report recommends that countries devise strategies based on well-informed policy decisions, social dialogue, and coordination among ministries and between employers and training providers.

Download the report [HERE](#)

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**National Workshop on Skills Recognition for Migrant Workers (4-5 August 2011)**

Skills recognition and qualifications reform have dominated national and international debates on training and skills development in recent years. The major challenge in qualifications reforms, therefore, is to develop a system that is more inclusive, flexible, accessible and transparent, yet does not undermine its quality and credibility. Against this background, the ILO and HRD Korea, as a part of their long-lasting ILO/Korea partnership, started a programme on skills recognition of migrant workers in 2006. Priority areas have been identified so that skills recognition for migrant workers could become effective.

In this regard, a workshop on Skills Recognition for Migrant Workers was organized in Sri Lanka during 4-5 August 2011, at the Taj Samudra Hotel. Besides the ILO, the co-organizers of the workshop were:

- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development
- Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission
- Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Welfare
- Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

The workshop was a success with the following objectives met: the sharing of experience and practices of countries in the South Asia region relating to the skills recognition of migrant workers (i.e. Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka); and an opportunity for Sri Lanka to review and further progress implementation of the national action plans for the skills recognition of the migrant workers.

Find more information on the workshop [HERE](#).

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**QUALIFICATIONS IN NEW ZEALAND**

After a targeted review of qualifications in New Zealand, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority has developed a new approach to qualification design that moves away from a collection of individual competency standards to defining the qualification in terms of graduate profile outcomes, and employment and education pathways.

To download this brief overview [CLICK HERE](#).

We would like to thank one of our members, Liz Bowen-Clewley for this contribution and encourage other members to share their news, resources and information by emailing bkk_rskills@ilo.org.

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**Integrated Approach to Skills: Designing and Financing Effective Strategies**

ADBI and OECD, in cooperation with Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center and ILO, co-organized an event in Shanghai 27-29 September 2011. The conference was designed to address the following outputs:

- better understanding of skills development policy;
- policy recommendations concerning skills and employment at both local and national levels; and
- closer cooperation among key stakeholders handling this issue

This 2011 event is a follow-up to the ADBI/OECS conference on Skills Development in the Post-Crisis Context which was held in Tokyo in September 2010. For more information go [HERE](#).

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**Four Thai Trade Unions Commit to Disability Equality**

The Labour Congress of Thailand (LCT), the National Congress of Private Industrial Employees (NCPE), the State Enterprises Workers’ Relations Confederation (SERC), and the Thai Trade Union Congress (TTUC) have come together to express their mutual commitment to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the workplace. A statement on disability equality has been signed by the leaders of the unions iterating their commitment to ensure that workers with disabilities have the right to decent work which also includes equal access to education and training; equal pay for work of equal value; employment free from harassment and discrimination; and workplaces which are accessible and provide reasonable accommodation.

This statement resulted from the participation of the Unions in the ILO Disability Champions Programme, launched in 2010 in Thailand by the ILO/Irish Aid Project PEPDEL (Promoting Employability and Employment for Persons with Disabilities).

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**Share, Connect and Learn**

Our community is growing in an impressive rate and we are now close to 500 members. We thank all of you who share your publications, news and information about your organizations and we encourage all of you to continue to do so. If you have questions, ideas for improvement, comments on the portal, please contact us on bkk_rskills@ilo.org and we will do our best to adress your requirements.

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FEATURED RESOURCES

The edited volume Trade and Employment: From Myths to Facts is the outcome of a joint project of the European Commission and the International Labour Office. The book contributes to promoting the advancement of employment, decent work and social cohesion in developing countries by assisting policy makers and social partners in anticipating and addressing the effects of trade reforms on employment.

According to this new flagship report from the World Bank—More and Better Jobs in South Asia—the region defined by the World Bank as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will need to add between 1 and 1.2 million additional jobs every month for the next twenty years, equivalent to about 40% of the increase in the global labor force. Reforms will have to be accelerated if the region is going to meet the challenge of providing better jobs for them.

The updated Asian Decent Work Decade resource kit offers a brief introduction to ILO’s knowledge base on Asia and the Pacific. The resource kit can be useful to people who have a general interest in the issues as well as specialists who need additional technical resources. Two out of the six parts of this resource kit are of significant relevance for the Skills and Employability theme—Asian Decent Work Decade resource kit: social protection, employability and local development and Asian Decent Work Decade resource kit: competitiveness, productivity and jobs.

The recent NCVER report investigates skill matches to job requirements for workers in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada. It might be expected that differences between the four countries in economic growth, technological innovation and structural change in the labour market may have led to differences in job skill requirements and use. This research finds, however, that the broad match of workers to jobs that use their skills is quite similar for the four countries, although some differences in the patterns of skill use over time were identified.

Moving Towards Disability Inclusion:
Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam case studies

For nearly a decade the ILO has partnered with the Government of Ireland through Irish Aid to create greater opportunities for women and men to secure decent work and income as a way out of poverty and inequality. Moving towards disability inclusion provides insights into how disability perspectives may be incorporated into policies, laws, services and programme and the essential elements for sustainable and inclusive growth and development of societies. Stories and experiences from selected countries of South East Asia and East and Southern Africa were selected to promote decent work and a better life for people with disabilities through effective legislation and its implementation.

Cambodia: In Takeo, an ILO project help to forge pathways out of poverty for people with disabilities.

Thailand: Trade unions promoting disability inclusion in the workplace. Trade union movement help promote equal rights and equal opportunities for disabled workers. Some of there efforts are already bearing fruits with trade unions taking leading roles at workplaces and within their communities to influence attitudes and opinion about the rights and capacity of disabled persons.

Viet Nam: Disability inclusion through effective legislation and policies. Viet Nam’s national Law on Persons with Disabilities came into effect on 1 January 2011. The new law mandates equal participation in society for people with disabilities through accommodation and access to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, vocational training, cultural services, sports and entertainment, transportation, public places and information technology.

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