ILO-China-ASEAN High Level Seminar to achieve the SDGs on Universal Social Protection through South-South/Triangular Cooperation

[Side event]

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ILO-Japan programmes on SPF

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Japan’s technical cooperation in the field of labour through the ILO

- Implemented over 40 years, mainly for Asian region (since 1974)
- Various projects in the field of employment, occupational safety, social protection, industrial relations, etc.
- Advantage of the cooperation with the ILO
  - Fully utilizing experience and knowledge accumulated in the regional/country offices and the specialists
  - Trusted by the government, workers, employers and ASEAN
  - Timely and flexible, tailor-made support through the offices in the field
  - Tight connection with workers union and industries, not only with the government
ILO/Japan’s support to ASEAN Secretariat and member States on social protection, since 2011

- 2011-2013: Promoting unemployment insurance and employment services in Viet Nam
- 2014-2016: Supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration, Outreach to Mongolia
- 2016-2018: Extending social security coverage
Support to the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Social Protection

Expectations

- Capacity building of social partners resulting in better engagement of social partners in regional process
  - ASEAN Trade Unions’ Statement
  - ASEAN Employers’ position
  - Tripartite recommendations for implementation of the Declaration
- Developing knowledge and sharing experiences
  - ASEAN report on social protection = benchmark information for measuring progress in extending social protection
  - ASEAN monitoring framework on social protection (under discussion)
Achievements so far

• Social protection: priority outcome of the ASEAN Labour Ministries Work Programme 2016-2020 (ALMM)

• Thanks to continuity, long-term and sustainable impact is now visible (enhanced capacities, new national strategies, new schemes, new target groups)

• Over the years, ILO/Japan project developed a solid partnership with ASEAN Secretariat on social protection (invited to SLOM and SOMSWD)

• Role of workers and employers’ organizations recognized for the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection

• Regional knowledge products converted into regular standards course with ITC ILO (unemployment protection)

• SAARC is interested in learning from ASEAN process on social protection
South-South cooperation: ASEAN-Mongolia

• MAPS project since 2014; Mongolia ASEAN social Protection and employment Services (MAPS)

✓ Contribute to the extension of social protection in ASEAN and Mongolia, by fostering know-how, capacities and South-south cooperation

✓ ASEAN learnt from Mongolia’s extension of coverage and old-age pension system (Regional course), One-stop-Shop (study visit)

✓ Mongolia learnt from Viet Nam and Thailand’ unemployment insurance (Regional course)
Outcomes of the project are extended through South-South cooperation....

Experts’ mission & Knowledge sharing

- Study visit to Mongolia: Integrated delivery of social protection floors (Single window services piloted in Indonesia, Cambodia, being discussed in Thailand), Ulaanbaatar and Tuv Province, 14-15 October 2014

Sharing the experience of the operation support system in Mongolia
South-South exchange: through training courses

- **Training course on expanding universal old-age pension systems**, 2015 in Bangkok, forthcoming 2016 in Hanoi
  - Participants from ASEAN countries, Mongolia, Nepal
  - Co-organized with ITC ILO and HelpAge (building long-term partnerships)

- **Training course on unemployment protection, including study visit**, in 2013 in Bangkok, 2015 in Malacca, in 2017 (ITC ILO course)

- **Good Practice Guide on Unemployment Protection:**
  - *Viet Nam Unemployment Insurance: an experience to be shared*
Challenges faced and gradually overcoming through implementation

(1) Inclusion of social partners in ASEAN regional process: yearly ILO-ASEAN seminar on social protection, since 2012: dialoguing and adopting tripartite recommendations

(2) Through direct technical assistance to countries, project has brought not only qualitative changes (increased capacity, declaration) but also quantitative results (extension of SP coverage: new and improvement of schemes)

(3) Necessity of publicity, for promoting the project itself at country level (many development partners on SP). Project is now a recognized partner at ASEAN level (SLOM & SOMSWD)
Phase 3: Extending social security coverage in ASEAN

Target countries: Indonesia and Viet Nam

**Developing knowledge**: request for learning from other countries' experiences from Asia and beyond (Latin America), level of compliance with international labour standards

**Dissemination of findings, tools and new solutions** emanating from technical assistance and advisory services to target countries (Viet Nam and Indonesia) allow for multiplier effect and adoption of common actions at ASEAN level

Investing in **building capacities of social partners** too for facilitating informed decision on social protection policies (ASEAN level social partners capacity building)
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