Asia Pacific Migration Network Community Update, November 2016

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9th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML)

The 9th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour on the theme “Better Quality of Life for ASEAN Migrant Workers through Strengthened Social Protection” was held on 9-10 November 2016 in Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic. Representatives of the governments, employers’ organizations, workers’ organizations, and civil society organizations from ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE), ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC), ASEAN Services Employees Trade Union Council (ASETUC), and the Task Force for ASEAN Migrant Workers (TFAMW) participated in the Forum.
New labour migration resources

1. Decent work for migrant domestic workers: Moving the agenda forward
2. Strengthening Migrant Workers’ Grievance Handling Processes
3. Migration Development Officers: bringing services to the local community
4. Accessing Information for Safe and Informed Migration
5. Return and Reintegration in Sri Lanka: Creating an empowering landscape for returnee migrants
6. Pre-departure Preparation of Migrant Workers in Sri Lanka
7. Strengthening grievance and complaint handling mechanisms to address migrant worker grievances in Sri Lanka
8. Operational Manual for Labour Sections of Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions in Destination Countries
9. Recruitment Practices of Employment Agencies Recruiting Migrant Workers
10. Safe labour migration information guide

Labour migration in the news

ILO, Global, 24 Nov 2016 - New ILO report presents good practices in labour migration governance for domestic workers
The Malaymail Online, 20 Nov 2016 - Malaysia, Australia discuss irregular migrants
The Daily Star, Malaysia, 15 Nov 2016 - Malaysia to hire Bangladeshi workers in 3 sectors
Gulf News, Philippines, 14 Nov 2016 - 800 domestic workers complete course on entrepreneurship
The Diplomat, Japan, 15 Nov 2016 - Japan's Migrant Worker Conundrum
Global Times, Vietnam, 14 Nov 2016 - Vietnam among ASEAN's top three countries to have most migrant workers
BBC, Thailand, 7 Nov 2016 - Andy Hall, British labour rights activist, flees Thailand
The Jakarta Post, Indonesia, 6 Nov 2016 - Urgent improvements in migrant-worker management needed
The National, Pakistan, 29 Oct 2016 - Pakistan migrants to UAE paying excessive labour costs, survey shows
World Economic Forum, 29 Oct 2016 - Migrants are good for advanced economies, says the IMF
Burmanet, Myanmar, 24 Oct 2016 - Myanmar Times: Labour ministry to target migrant workers in efforts to boost economy – Swan Ye Htut

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