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Article in Brief

The Greater Mekong Sub-regional (GMS) Seminar on Protecting Children from Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Tourism is held in Bangkok

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The Greater Mekong Sub-regional (GMS) Seminar on Protecting Children from Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Tourism was held in Bangkok from 5-6 November. Delegations from the six GMS countries (Cambodia, China, Lao, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) attended the two day Seminar.

Opening remarks were made by the Minister of Tourism and Sports, Dr Suvit

Yodmani. Speeches were then made by representatives of the travel industry, NGOs and partner agencies, including one from Matthew Friedman, Regional Project Manager of UNIAP. Country reports on Protecting Children from Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Tourism were presented, during which the countries expounded on the measures which had been adopted by their countries to deal with the situation.

On the second day focus group discussions were held, they identified national strategies to support regional cooperation set out in the Letter of Intent which was agreed on by all delegations. It included the following aims:

- Work towards establishing a Regional Registry of Child Sex Offenders and ensuring appropriately managed data sharing,
- Facilitate the development of regional mechanisms (such as Tourism and Hotel Associations) that promote and monitor standards, guidelines and certification for the private sector,
- Create one voice/brand/slogan for a regional child safe campaign by airlines,
- Collaborate with non-governmental organisations and the private sector, to endeavour to set up a regional hotline,
- Ensure that in each country, a focal point from the National Tourism Organisation/Ministry of Tourism forms part of the COMMIT Task Force.

The meeting was very successful. All delegates agreed that they had gained a deep understanding of the trafficking situation in the tourism sector in the GMS and the Letter of Intent would make a positive impact on this situation.

The total number of people employed in China continues to increase at a steady pace

Full text: http://www.molss.gov.cn/gb/news/2007-10/08/content_199576.htm

Gov.cn, October 10, 2007: Along with the implementation of active employment policies, the total number of people employed in China is steadily increasing. In the first eight months of this year the number of people employed in China's towns increased anew by 8,420,000 people, and fulfilled 94% of the annual expected target of 9 million people, since the active employment policies have been implemented this has been the most successful period. At the same time, the employment situation for rural workers has improved, the protecting of labourers legal rights and interests has also made positive progress. However, at present China's employment situation is grim. In the "15th Period" in towns throughout the country it is expected that there will be a huge problem with the labour force: between supply and demand there will be shortage of about 12 million people; huge numbers of workers in the countryside will have to move, approximately 9 million people every year. In a population of 1.3 billion, it is appropriate for employment problems to be solved for its 8 billion workers, this will be a long-term and strategic task.

China will launch an investigation into the payment of the salaries of migrant labourers

Full text: http://www.nmpx.gov.cn/zonghexinwen/biaotixinwen/t20071030_55330.htm

Workers' Daily, October 30, 2007: Yesterday, departments of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security issued a notice, from October 2007 to January 2008 every level of labour safeguarding, public security, labour unions, and other such bodies will unite to form a group to enforce the law and carry out investigations. Throughout the country a specialist investigation will be launched into the payment of the salaries of migrant workers. The scope of the investigation will include all kinds of units which employ migrant workers, the key areas will be manufacturing, construction and catering services rather a lot of migrant workers are employed in these areas as well as other small scale enterprises and individual businesses where these labourers are concentrated. Each company will be investigated one by one and the problems which are discovered will be promptly looked into and dealt with according to the law.

湄公河次区域旅游业中预防儿童拐卖和性侵害研讨会

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