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The Ministry of Civil Affairs: Our country plans the foundations of the establishment of 83 child welfare bodies for next year

Full text: <http://www.mca.gov.cn/news/content/Media/200711783117.htm>

Xinhua News Agency, 7th November 2007: On the 6th reporters learnt at the 2007 Civil Affairs Forum which is currently in progress that next year our country will continue to improve the establishment of child welfare, the National Development and Reform Committee will set up a specialist fund of 130 million Yuan, the Ministry of Civil Affairs' public welfare lottery of 2 billion Yuan, will focus on establishing 83 welfare organisations for children.

Relevant data reveals that, at the end of 2006, social welfare organisations nationwide focused on supporting merely 72,000 orphaned children, less than 13% of the total number of orphaned children. According to the targets of the "Eleven Five" Child Welfare Organisation Construction Plan, at the end of 2010 our country will have basically established relevant independent children's departments in all cities throughout the country which have independent orphan welfare organisations or local social welfare organisations. Establishing child welfare organisations is very arduous task..

Zhang XiaoJian says that the focal points have been decided: matters concerning workers who are made redundant, university students and the new generation of migrant workers

Full text: http://www.molss.gov.cn/gb/news/2007-11/12/content_208905.htm

Chinese Government Online, 10th November 2007: A three-day working meeting concerning national training in the employment system commenced in Haikou, Hainan Province on the 10th. During the meeting, next year's job targets the employment sector were planned. At the meeting, the Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Security, Zhang XiaoJian said that the Ministry of Labour and Social will focus on solving problems regarding arrangements for employees who are made redundant as the result of enterprises which go bankrupt and closedown, the employment problems of university students and the new generation of migrant workers.

So far, the new generation of migrant workers which emerged after 1980 has already surpassed one hundred million people, the change in the employment situation is grim. The continuously expanding group of new generation migrant workers, groups of migrant workers are concurrently working in the construction and the agricultural industries, in the main they have moved out of full time work in the agricultural industry. As more people are coming to the cities and towns attention should be paid to achieving equality etc. for those who are making a living there. Therefore, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security will solve problems which migrant workers have with employment, whilst simultaneously striving to solve problems regarding the needs of the new generation of migrant workers.

Shenzhen increases rights' protection for female migrant workers

Full text: http://news.xinhuanet.com/newscenter/2007-11/24/content_7137547.htm

Xinhua Online, 24th November: The Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipality, Yan Xiaopei recently held the Guangdong Province's Seminar on Women Entrepreneurs Establishing Harmonious Businesses in Shenzhen. At the meeting he said, in recent years the protection of rights for female migrant workers who come to Shenzhen has been intensified and they have been working hard to establish Shenzhen as the city which is most welcoming to migrant workers. According to a report from the China Youth Daily, Guangdong is the province which attracts the most migrant workers and according to data published in 2005, the migrant worker population in Guangdong already exceeds 16 million people, more than half of which are female workers. They are mainly concentrated in two industries: construction and service. At the end of 2006, there were more than 5 million residents in Shenzhen who were not registered there. In addition, there is also a migrant population of nearly 4 million who live there for less than six months, of which approximately one third are female and one tenth are children.

Hebei Province has determined many countywide measures to improve the mechanism to safeguard the rights of women and children

Full text: <http://www.women.org.cn/allnews/1301/1817.html>

China Women Online, 22nd November 2007: Hebei Province is determining many countywide measures in order to develop socialist mechanisms to safeguard rights, mainly to improve citizens' knowledge of the law, to supply a comprehensive legal service, to continue to improve the mechanism to safeguard women's rights and to pay attention to improving the results of work to safeguard rights. The "two teams which safeguard rights" have been established, they have realized the "three transformations": at three levels, county, town and village the "two teams which safeguard rights" have established a group of voluntary cadres who offer a legal service which deals with safeguarding rights.

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