

Focus on Occupational Safety and Health

In honor of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on the 28th of April, the ILO and the Green Jobs team have highlighted the importance of promoting safety and health in environmentally oriented sectors. This work is a key part of the Green Jobs initiative to ensure that environmentally friendly work is also decent, safe work for employees.

Many environmental sectors face safety risks such as exposure to hazardous materials, use of dangerous machinery without proper safety measures and other physical and psychosocial risks. Below are some examples where the ILO has reduced these risks through the integration of occupational safety and health into Green Jobs projects.

Through the ILO's Green Jobs in Asia (GJA) project's work in Sri Lanka, safety and health risks were reduced in the waste management sector and the project is now slated to scale up throughout the Western Province. Visit the [GJA website](#) for more information.

The Greener Businesses Asia project is helping businesses realize greener, cleaner and safer workplaces through enterprise trainings and the sharing of best practices. Find out more [here](#).



Green Skills in Hollowblock Production

Filipino workers have been trained in how to produce modified concrete hollowblocks that are also green.

The technique, developed under the GJA project funded by the Australian Government, was reported to be both labour intensive and energy efficient, indicating good potential for creation of green jobs and greening of existing jobs.

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We have expanded the community to other social media to help meet the needs of our various members. Please join us using your favorite social platform.

Join [@GreenJobsAP](#) on Twitter to stay up to date and easily share your stories and news from your smart phone or your computer.

If you prefer Facebook, come "Like" [Green Jobs AP on Facebook](#) and share any news items or comments on our wall.

Join us!

We are growing and we want to share our resources and activities with your networks. Join us and encourage your friends and colleagues to [log on to the thriving community](#).

Help us reach our goal of doubling our membership by December 2012.



Web-Based Green Information Services

With support from the Greener Business Asia project funded by the Japanese Government, both the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP) and the Employers Confederation of Thailand (ECOT) are developing websites to provide businesses with everything they need to move towards greener operations and safer workplaces. The official launch dates will be announced soon.



Upcoming Events

Beijing



Tune in to Beijing Radio for a special broadcast on the ILO's work on green entrepreneurship in China, the Green Business Options training course. The show will feature a successful entrepreneur, the ILO Green Jobs Project Coordinator in China and a local academic. If you can't listen to the show, we will have an English transcript with a short summary brief shared on the Green Jobs Community in June.

Surabaya



On 20-22 June, a tripartite regional workshop will discuss the Green Jobs in Asia (GJA) project and other Green Jobs activities in the region to highlight successful approaches, areas of improvement and the way forward. Representatives from GJA will include Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. They will be joined by additional countries with Green Jobs experience: China, Fiji, India and Thailand. More information on the event will be posted on the community under the ILO Green Jobs tab.

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Skills and employability http://skills-ap.ilobkk.or.th IR-Net (industrial relations) <http://ap-irnet.ilobkk.or.th/>