

Deputy Permanent Secretary Visits Kanchanaburi Province; Delivers Policy to Chiefs of Government Agencies; Asks Labour Volunteers to Help Solve Human Trafficking

Mrs. Pranin Muttaharach, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Labour, attends a meeting with chiefs and officials of Ministry of Labour's agencies in Kanchanaburi province at Kanchanaburi Provincial Office of Labour. She suggests using mechanisms of the committee on labour development and occupational training coordination at provincial level to carry out missions, promote participation of local people and survey labour demand and using the labour database of the province to develop labour service. Local officials are told to regularly follow up information of the Ministry of Labour while local labour volunteers are asked to help monitor human trafficking situation in the province.

Mrs. Pranin, who is also head of national competitiveness promotion group, chaired the meeting to deliver policies to executives, civil servants and staffs of Kanchanaburi Provincial Institute of Skill Development and Kanchanaburi Provincial Office of Labour. She said the policies under the 2014 fiscal year budget included cooperation among the Institute of Skill Development, the Office of Labour and other ministry's agencies. They are urged to use mechanisms of the committee on labour development and occupational training coordination at provincial level to carry out missions, promote participation of local people and work with labour agencies in other provinces. They have to survey labour demand of local people and have a database on provincial labour market in order to develop the most effective labour services for people.

Mrs. Pranin said local labour agencies have to abide the laws as well as Acts, MoUs and international conventions. As for budget management, each agency has to plan their spending for each quarter and strictly abide the financial regulations. Local labour agencies are urged to regularly follow up information of the Ministry of Labour and chiefs of local labour agencies should make known the information to local civil servants and officials.

Mrs. Pranin also visited Ban Nam Puu Ron one-stop-service centre, which the Department of Employment plan to use as a service centre for migrant workers who have undertaken national verification process and stayed in Thailand for four years.

Mrs. Pranin also stressed on solutions to human trafficking problem, which the labour minister attaches importance to. She said Thailand has been put under Tier 2 Watch List of the U.S. Trafficking in Person Report and closely monitored by the international community. The provincial office of employment and the provincial office of labour protection and welfare should work together to address the problem. They should know which workplace commits trafficking. They are urged to use labour volunteers to help monitor the situation and report any violation to concerned agencies to help prevent the problem.