

## Ministry of Labour Implements Good Labour Practice Plan to Address Human Trafficking Problem

Ministry of Labour joins hand with the Department of Fisheries, the International Labour Organisation (ILO), operators and employees in implementing the Good Labour Practice (GLP) plan for fishery and seafood processing industries, aimed at eradicating child labour, labour abuse and human trafficking problems. Minister of Labour, meanwhile, encourages operators apply idea of "think and work together" and rule of law to make workplace a happy place for employees and employees.

Ms. Pranin Muttaharach, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Labor, said when jointly presiding over a ceremony to implement the GLP plan for fishery and seafood processing industries with Mr. Siriwat Kajornprasart, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives and Mr. Maurizio Bussi, Director of ILO Country Office for Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, and Ms. Miriam L Award, Deputy Economic Counselor of the U.S. Embassy in Thailand at the Rama Gardens Hotel that a total of 170 operators and employees agree to implement the plan. The world community attaches importance to labour issues such as labour rights relating to child labour, forced labour, discrimination, freedom of association and improvement of work environment which is in line with the policy of Pol. Capt. Chalerm Ubamrung, Minister of Labour, who aims to get rid of illegal child labour, the worst form of child labour, labour abuse and human trafficking. The minister encourages operators apply idea of "think and work together" and rule of law to make workplace a happy place for employeers and employees.

The ceremony was organised by Department of Labour Protection and Welfare and the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the ILO.

Ms. Pranin said the Ministry of Labour is ready to support and develop workers in all sectors because they are an important group of people to advance the country development. The GLP plan is part of a practice to help upgrade capability of Thai workers and their quality of lives.

Mr. Arthit Issamo, Director-General of Department of Labour Protection and Weflare, said the GLP consists of 10 practices covering forced labour, child labour, freedom of association, freedom of negotiation, cooperation in workplace, equal work condition, wage, work hour, compensation, and work safety/occupational health/environment. As for progress of determination of four GLP guidelines, the minister of labour has signed an announcement of the guideline for marine animal processing operators, while the guidelines for shrimp farming, shrimp/seafood industries and seafood sector are in the process of discussion and testing before they are issued as ministerial announcements.