



**South-East Asia and the Pacific
Subregional Tripartite Forum on Decent Work
6 - 8 October 2003, Auckland, New Zealand**



ILO Subregional Office in Manila

MEDIA ADVISORY

Many Voices, One Message: Decent Work For All in South-East Asia and the Pacific

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will be staging the first Tripartite Forum on Decent Work involving tripartite representatives from government, employers' and workers' organizations from ILO member countries in South-East Asia and the Pacific. The forum will be hosted by the New Zealand Government.

- What:** First Southeast Asia and the Pacific Subregional Tripartite Forum on Decent Work
- When:** 6 to 8 October 2003,
The opening ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. on 6 October 2003
- Where:** Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre
58 Waipuna Road, Mt. Wellington, Auckland, New Zealand

The purpose of the tripartite forum is to:

- 1) Consolidate the significant progress that has been made in promoting the Decent Work Agenda across the sub-region
- 2) Share the lessons and best practices, and identify common issues and solutions, in developing and implementing National Action Plans for Decent Work
- 3) Enable all countries that participate in the forum to take effective responsibility for developing and implementing their own plans.

- Who:** Speakers for the Opening Ceremony
- Mr Yasuyuki Nodera, Regional Director
ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
 - Dr James Buwalda, Chief Executive
Department of Labour, New Zealand
 - Mr Werner Blenk, Subregional Director
ILO Subregional Office, ILO SRO

Participants:

- Representatives from Government, Workers' and Employers' Organizations from Australia, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu

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