

CESD - LABOUR MARKET UPDATES

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY TRAINING BY CESD

The CESD held a 2 day training with the collaboration of CTMU was held at the IBIS Hotel located in Tamwe Township from 23rd-24th September, 2017 for labour union representatives from across the country. Ms. Yu Yu Lwin, Research Assistant, Mr. Aung Htun, Policy Associate and Mr. Min Zarni Lin, Deputy Director of Research provided training across the 2 days on research methods and strategies. [Read more](#)



CESD provided Labour Research Methodology Training for Labour Union Representatives from across Myanmar

CESD PARTICIPATES IN TRIPARTITE WORKSHOP ON MINIMUM WAGE IN BAGO

To grace an invitation extended by the Bago Regional Minister of Planning and Finance and Chair of the Regional Minimum Wage Committee, the Executive Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Dr. Zaw Oo, along with a team of researchers participated in a Tripartite Workshop on the topic of Minimum wage held at Bago on 6th September 2017. Dr. Zaw Oo and the CESD are part of the Union level committee on setting the National Minimum Wage and therefore, this tripartite workshop gave the opportunity to understand the perspectives about the minimum wage from key stakeholders involved in the establishment of the minimum wage and how better discussions could lead to more improved, efficient and effective decision making processes that benefits workers across all sectors and regions in Myanmar. [Read more](#)



Dr. Zaw Oo, Executive Director – CESD, addresses the audience at the Tripartite Workshop in Bago

CESD PROVIDED AWARENESS TRAINING ON SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SOCIAL SECURITY, ORGANIZED BY CTUM

As part of its ongoing engagement to bring about strategic reforms in the area of labour market, the CESD has been actively invited to provide necessary training and awareness raising workshops on wide variety of issues. In this regard, the CESD participated in an awareness training which was being held by the Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar (CTMU) with the support of the FES - The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). [Read more](#)

CESD, CTUM AND ILO ORGANIZE MINIMUM WAGE AWARENESS SEMINAR

CESD participated, along with ILO, in a seminar on minimum wage on 15th September, 2017 for trade union committee leaders and members of different states/regions especially Yangon, Bago, Mandalay, Shan, Kachin and Sagaing. The purpose of this seminar is to help stakeholders understand on strategic data usage and data analysis post-survey completion with the Yangon Region Minister for Labour Affairs delivering the opening remarks. The trainers included Mr. Min Zarni Lin, Deputy Director of Research at CESD and Mr. Daniel Kostzer from the International Labour Organisation (ILO). [Read more](#)



Report published by CESD in cooperation with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) documenting the elimination of forced labour was key in the lifting of the economic sanctions imposed by the USA in 2016 that resulted in the garment sector attracting exports worth USD 2 billion (FY 2016-17).

CESD – ICTSD ORGANISE WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICIES

Dr. Maung Maung Thein, Board Member of CESD, delivering the Opening Remarks at the “Trade and Investment Policies” conference organised by CESD and ICTSD

The CESD had the opportunity to organize an event on Trade and Investment policies for inclusive transformation in South East Asia along the ICTSD (International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development). The conference aimed at discussing the strategies for

human capital development with the aim of ensuring sustainable and inclusive development through job creation, labour rights and business-friendly policies. [Read more](#)

CESD PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING ON MINIMUM WAGE

The National Minimum Wage Committee tasked with determining minimum wage was reformed in February 2017 chaired by the Union Minister of Labour, Immigration and Population and includes Regional Ministers, economists, senior officials of concerned Union ministries and representatives from labor and employer associations – including CESD. At the latest meeting, it was tentatively agreed that the new minimum wage range will be between 4,000 – 4,800 Myanmar Kyats (MMK) and a final decision is to be taken by end of 2017 based on feedback received from region and state level minimum wage committees about the new proposed rate.



CESD and its Executive Director, Dr. Zaw Oo participated in the National Level Committee Meeting on Minimum Wage. National Committee Chairman and Union Minister of Labour Immigration and Population, Mr. Thein Swe, and National Committee’s members, members from Region, Union Territory, State Committee, Ministry Officials, Director General, Experts and other invited participants

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