

YOUTH TO YOUTH

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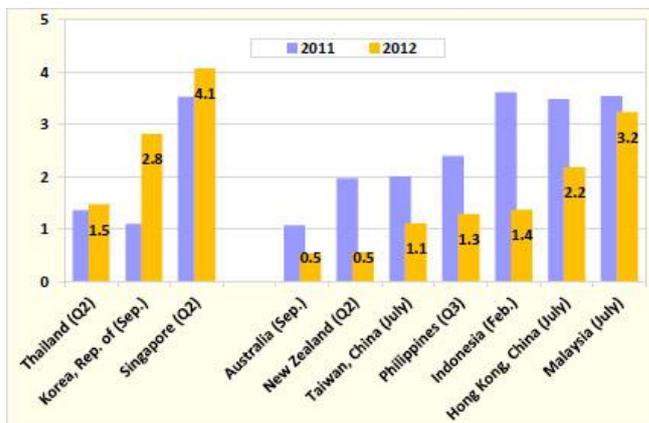
PSA Youth National Conference in November



Opportunity is open for [PSA](#) Youth network members, aged 35 and under, to attend the PSA Youth National Conference in Wellington, New Zealand on 28 and 29 November 2012.

With great line up of speakers from the union, community and political worlds, the conference will bring you a critical voice of the youth. Some of the topics that the conference plan to cover are: (1) How to plan and implement a campaign or activity; (2) Using social media as an organising and campaigning tool; (3) How to influence public policy; (4) What's happening in the union movement and how it's relevant to youth; (5) How we operate as a network. For more information about this conference, visit [PSAY webpage](#)

Asia – Pacific: Quality and quantity of jobs dropping



Employment growth, latest available period 2012

Economic growth has slowed down in many Asia-Pacific countries, affecting labour markets both in terms of the quantity and the quality of jobs available, according to an ILO report.

Therefore, labour market prospects for youth – aged 15-24 - remain gloomy in parts of the Asia-Pacific region, which has the world's largest youth population. One in six young people are unemployed in Taiwan (China), Hong Kong (China), the Philippines and New Zealand. In Indonesia, the ratio is one in five. Please read the report, click [here](#)

Does Asian migration bring more benefits than drawbacks?

Interesting dialogue on Channel News Asia “Bridging Asia” on labour migration in Asian countries, around 25 million Asian workers (ILO) are currently employed outside their home countries, indeed host countries can plug the gaps in their labour markets, while migrants get the opportunity to pursue what they see as a better life. But competition for jobs, pressure on infrastructure and questions over share cultural values can cause resentment. On the part of less-developed countries, skilled labour migration has been criticised as a ‘brain drain’, depriving them of the type of workers needed for development.

Now that ASEAN is moving towards freer movement of labour, so, this dialogue it is pertinent to ask – on balance, is the rate of migration in Asia beneficial or detrimental? Two labour activists were the debaters for this dialogue, Mr. Christopher Ng, Regional Secretary of UNI-APRO, and Mr. Rex Verona, former Executive Director of Asian Migrant Centre. Watch the dialogue, click [here](#)

Youth in Greece: Nobody knows what the next day will be



The Greece is facing a worsening young unemployment crisis; latest figure marked another high with more than half of young people without work. The youth unemployment is one of the most damaging consequences of the Troika's obsession with discredited of austerity.

With difficult finding a job make young people pessimistic about their future, those that do have jobs are finding it hard to meet their commitments and raise families.

Follow the story of Giorgos Sylligardos, 32 year, as he said "young people enable to make dreams and plan for the future, having a family, career ... nobody knows what the next day will be". Watch the video [here](#) and the news [here](#)

APYouthNet Talk Show – Youth guarantees



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This programme looks at the concept of youth guarantees and how it could be applied to the Asia-Pacific region. The show's participants are: Ms Sukti Dasgupta, Head, ILO Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit; Mr James Sleep, New Zealand Council of Trade Unions; Mr Jan Kreutz, Party of European Socialists; Ms Yuki Honda, University of Tokyo, and Mr Matthieu Cognac, ILO Youth Employment Specialist. For more information, please click [here](#) for the podcast

In the people's interest: A youth perspective

More than sixty people have registered to participate for the first PSI Young Workers' Meeting in Durban, South Africa on 24 November 2012. The dynamic and interactive meeting agenda will facilitate discussion and the sharing of information and experiences from young members of PSI across the globe. This meeting will also help in build and integrated strategies of young members to the PSI programme of action 2013 – 2017. To get update visit: <http://congress.world-psi.org/young-workers-meeting> or <http://www.world-psi.org/>, follow PSI twitter: @psiglobalunion and use hashtag #PSICongress2012

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