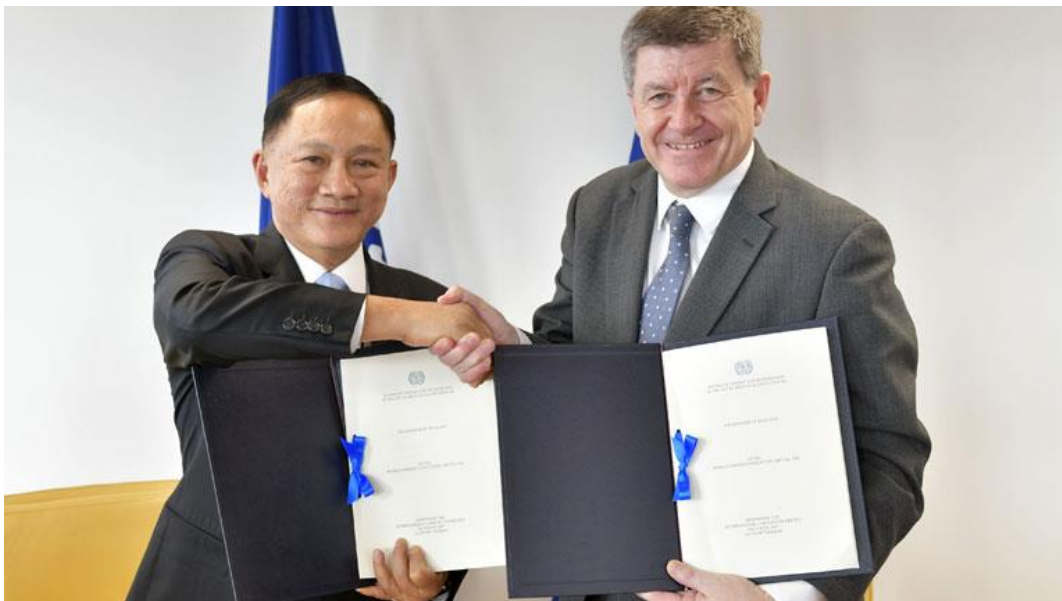




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Thailand First in Asia to Ratify ILO C. 188

Geneva —The Royal Thai Government [presented its ratification](#) of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention (No. 188, 2007) in Geneva on 30 January. This follows Thailand’s ratification of the [Forced Labour Protocol](#) in June 2018, making Thailand the first country in Asia to adopt these international standards. The Geneva signing ceremony came just weeks after the European Union removed the ‘yellow card’ on Thai fishing, recognizing progress and commitments to combat illegal fishing. The ILO’s EU-funded Ship to Shore Rights Project will support drafting and implementation of new rules with the Thai government, and workers’ and employers’ organizations. (Photo: ILO Director-General Guy Ryder and former Thai Labour Minister Adul Sangsingkeo)



Training a New Generation of Labour Inspectors

Bangkok—Sixty new labour inspectors--the first of three groups--joined five jam-packed days of training on Thai labour law, worker interviews skills, forced labour indicators, vulnerable workers, and more. A new curriculum from the Ship to Shore Rights Project and the Thai Ministry's labour protection department (DLPW) puts the focus on soft skills needed to identify labour abuses, produce clear findings, and drive enforcement actions in fishing and other sectors. Specialists from the ILO, labour courts, employers and workers organizations, civil society organizations--and scenes from a new [Korean television series](#), 'Special Labour Inspector, Mr Jo'--played key roles.



Good Labour Practices 2.0

Bangkok—ILO Ship to Shore Rights partners [Thai Tuna Industry Association](#) and [Thai Frozen Foods Association](#) rolled out publicly their new GLP programmes to buyers, industry leaders, and media at the giant annual Thai food expo THAIFEX with help from the ILO, EU Delegation to Thailand, and the Ethical Trading Initiative. (See a list of GLP participating suppliers [here](#)). The new [GLP guidelines](#) update workplace standards for seafood processing and introduce principles for GLP programmes built with support from the ILO. The industry programmes now double down on worker engagement and assessments by tier 1 suppliers of their upstream suppliers' labour practices. GLP was touted in the recent Asia Pacific Sustainable Development event at the UN in Bangkok that included Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola of the EU Delegation to Thailand (photo), and will feature in the ILO Ship to Shore Rights panel as part of the [global SeaWeb Seafood Summit](#) in Bangkok on 13 June.



How do fishers learn the ropes?

Kawthaung—What is work and life like in the Thai fishing industry? Since February the Ship to Shore Rights Project, with the Myanmar Ministry of Labour, Immigration, and Population (MOLIP) and the [global union for transport workers ITF](#), has helped lead pre-departure orientation for fishers from Myanmar coming to work in the Thai fishing industry. The focus is on fundamental rights, safety on board, Thai labour law, and getting help in Thailand. The pilot session in February 2019 in the MOLIP Kawthaung Center (photo) with 30 fishers fine-tuned the ILO curriculum and the Project is planning with MOLIP for new groups due in June 2019 and after.



Going to Seaweb?

Join us Thursday, 13 June at 9 a.m. for the **ILO Ship to Shore Rights panel**—a look at changes in work in the Thai fishing and seafood industry and their lessons for the region.

[Here's](#) the line-up.

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