



## BFC Launches a Mini Campaign Against Child Labour

As part of its monitoring check list, child labour has always been a critical issue for *Better Factories Cambodia (BFC)* and its monitoring teams systematically check for under-age workers in the Garment factories. BFC is convinced that education is the right way to lead children out of poverty. Today, more than ever, good quality education is necessary to succeed in the labour market and education for all, at least until the minimum age of employment, is one of the most important steps towards a society without child labour and for a society striving for sustainable development.

This year in support of the World Day Against Child Labour BFC has helped to develop a series of radio programmes broadcasted on Radio Mohanokor (FM93.5).

Three different radio shows will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June from 3 to 4pm. The first radio show will gather representatives from MoLVT (Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training), GMAC (Garment Manufacturers Association of Cambodia), IDEA (Independent Democratic Informal Economy Association), IPEC (International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour) and BFC to discuss child labour issues and to inform the public about child labour in Cambodia.

In the second radio show children will be given the opportunity to express their concerns and expectations about education and life in Cambodia. The third and final session will be devoted to the official celebration of the World Day Against Child Labour at Phnom Penh's Olympic Stadium.

Along with the radio programmes, BFC is also launching a new mini campaign against child labour to remind the garment factories about the importance to prevent child labour and carefully check for under-age workers during hiring.

Information materials including posters and a brochure will be distributed to the factories so that employers, workers and trade unions will have information on how to continue to be observant and act against child labour.



BFC radio programme – Radio Mohanokor FM93.5

- **10/06/09** 3-4pm: “Give Children a Chance: End Child Labour!” – A round-table discussion on child labour issues with MoLVT, GMAC, IDEA, IPEC, BFC

- **11/06/09** 3-4pm: “Voice of Children” – Interviews of children from the NGO Enfants d’Asie ASPECA with comments by the Director of EA ASPECA

- **12/06/09** 3-4pm: “World Day against Child Labour 2009” – Reporting of the closing ceremony at the Olympic Stadium of Phnom Pen



## What **TRADE UNIONS** and **WORKERS** Can Do To Help **Eradicate Child Labour:**

**P**romote a child labour-free work place.

**B**e observant of suspected use of child labour.

**R**eport suspected child labour.

**C**ooperate with management to put a system in place to address child labour.

**E**ncourage education as the right response to child labour.

**R**emember that workers under the age of 18 should not be exposed to hazardous work.

**M**ake sure labour standards and legislation are respected at all levels.





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**Say No to Children at Work!**

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## What **EMPLOYERS** Can Do To Help **Eradicate Child Labour:**

**P***romote a child labour-free work place.*

**M***ake sure the employees have reliable documents to demonstrate their age.*

**B***e aware of the usage of falsified documents.*

**R***emember that workers under the age of 18 should not be exposed to hazardous work.*

**U***sing child labour increases the risk of work-related accidents and may negatively affect productivity.*

**B***e proactive rather than reactive, reduce child labour through internal efforts or work with organizations that can help.*

**I***f underage workers are identified in your workplace, work with the relevant ministry to find a good solution, such as placing the workers in vocational training and re-hiring them when they reach legal working age.*

