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Domestic Workers News Update from Indonesia

Yatini (Chairperson KSBSI Equality Commission)

In order to celebrate the world women's day (8 March), Equality Commission KSBSI (K2N KSBSI) hold a Bazaar by distributing basic commodities such as sugar, cooking oil, noodles, etc. to 500 domestic workers and housewives who live around the KSBSI office in the area of Cipinang Muara, as well as other members of the KSBSI affiliated Federations.

Chief of Community received 1 package of basic need goods from reps ILO Jakarta

Celebration of the world women's day this time raised the issue of domestic workers because almost all of domestic workers in Indonesia are women. By taking a theme of "Decent work for Domestic Workers", K2N KSBSI trying to actively support the campaign on decent work for domestic workers. In addition to distribution of basic commodities packages, K2N KSBSI also aired a movie on gender equality and domestic violence.

This bazaar has several goals at once, namely ;

1. As a form of KSBSI social responsibility to the community living around the KSBSI office, considering the price of basic commodities that continues to rise recently
2. Attract domestic workers to come out of the house and listen to the socialization of the rights of domestic workers for decent work
3. Provide education to the housewife through watching the movie on domestic violence and gender equality
4. Mobilize sympathy from the public to make pressure to the House of Representatives to start discussing the Draft Law on Domestic Workers

Bazaar event that was attended by ILO Jakarta and several supporting organizations, was the first time organized by KSBSI for the surrounding community after 5 years ago KSBSI occupy its own office in this location.

According to Yatini, Chairperson K2N of KSBSI, KSBSI Equality Commission now has management structure in 15 provinces in Indonesia to ensure gender equality, not only within the organization of KSBSI but also in the industrial relations and the wider community. This Bazaar event has mobilized 500 supports from the community, especially women and members of KSBSI, to urge the House of Representatives to immediately discuss the draft law on Domestic Workers in Indonesia.

Emma, Bazaar Committee K2N KSBSI, said that after this Bazaar there are many domestic workers and housewife around the office are interested on the KSBSI campaign on Domestic Workers.

Watching movie on Domestic Violence & Gender Equality

Solidarity Letter from ITUC AP to President SBY on Domestic Workers

In commemorating Domestic Workers Day in Indonesia on 15 February 2012, the ITUC Asia-Pacific sent a solidarity letter to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, urged the Government of Indonesia to ratify the ILO Convention no. 189 and Recommendation 201 on Decent work for domestic workers. ITUC AP also urged the House of Representatives to immediately discuss the draft law on Domestic Workers.

Indonesia became one of the 12 target countries in the ITUC "12-12 (twelve-twelve)" campaign for the ratification of the ILO Convention on Domestic Workers in year 2012.

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15th February 2012

The Honorable Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono
President of Indonesia
and The Parliament of Republic Indonesia (DPR RI)

Your Excellency:

In Commemoration of Indonesian Domestic Workers' Day – 15th February 2012 -
We Urge the Indonesian government:
To Establish a Law for the Protection of Domestic Workers and
To Ratify ILO Convention 189 and Recommendation 201 Now

On behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – Asia Pacific representing effectively 33 million members of 49 affiliated national trade union centers in 29 countries, which strives for social justice giving special attention to problems affecting the workers in the region, I would like to convey to you our solidarity with the International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN) in urging the Indonesian government to establish a law for the protection of domestic workers and to ratify the International Labour Convention 189 and Recommendation 201 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

Today is the Indonesian Domestic Workers Day. It is the day to remember the death of Sunarsih, a 14-year-old domestic worker who was assaulted by her employer into death in 2001, in the city of Surabaya. It is the day to remember, not only Sunarsih, but millions of Indonesian domestic workers who are under exploitation and abuses locally and abroad. We urge the government of Indonesia to establish a national law to protect millions of domestic workers and cooperate with destination countries to ensure the protection of migrant domestic workers.

Indonesia is a country with one of the largest number of domestic workers in all Asia. This includes 10 million local domestic workers in Indonesia and 6 million migrant domestic workers abroad. Their work has been an integral part of thriving economies in the world. Every day, they work around the clock to send billions of remittance home. Yet, until now, Indonesian domestic workers remain the most exploited, by the malpractice of employment agencies, bad employers and discriminatory policies and society.

We appreciate the political will of the President to support the ILO Convention 189 Decent Work for Domestic Workers as he spoke at the 100th Session of ILC, 14 June 2011, that he will refer to the Convention as the basis of the national law for domestic workers protection. We encourage the Government of Indonesia to immediately take further steps to ratify and integrate the stipulations of Convention 189 and Recommendation 201 in the national law.

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We appreciate the progress of action of the DPR RI (Commission IX) in the beginning of 2012 to deliberate the Bill on the protection on domestic workers and we hope that the DPR RI and the government immediately establish into law this 2012 the protection and welfare of domestic workers as workers, citizens and human beings.

We urge the government of Indonesia, in cooperation with governments of destination countries, to take affirmative measures to stop the exploitation of domestic workers.

We urge the governments especially to revoke the blood-sucking employment agencies.

We urge the parliament to continue the deliberation and establish the law on the protection on domestic workers.

We urge government of Indonesia to **ratify the ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers Now.**

Domestic workers are large in number. Protection of domestic workers ensures protection for a big population and a just and harmonious society.

Sincerely,

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General Secretary

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