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Opening Message at the Launch of Child Labour Knowledge Sharing System (CLKSS)

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Greetings:

- Assistant Secretary Soriano of the Department of Labor and Employment
- Representatives of the Philippine government, employers' and workers' organizations
- Child labour partners and advocates
- Ladies and gentlemen, **magandang umaga sa inyong lahat!**

Ending the worst forms of child labour by 2016 is a global goal agreed by the International Labour Organization's member States and social partners. There has been progress toward achieving this goal.

However, the ILO's 2010 Global Report on Child Labour found that while child labour continues to decline, it is doing so at a much slower pace than years passed. The report also warned that the global economic crisis could "further brake" progress toward achieving the goal of ending the worst forms of child labour by 2016.

The ILO highlighted the need for new and large-scale efforts and called for a re-energized campaign against child labour. The report calls for a shift of focus towards knowledge development, and evidence-based analysis of policies and dissemination.

Scaling up of efforts in the fight against child labour includes achieving a more sustainable inclusive economic growth through:

- reducing poverty and ensuring that parents have access to decent and productive employment,