

# Conference on the Labour Dimensions of Trafficking in Persons in the ASEAN Region

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## *Speakers' Biographies*

### **DAY ONE**

#### **Jajoon Coue:**

Jajoon Coue has been with the International Labour Organization for 12 years, specializing in the areas of international labour standards and labour law. He currently holds the position of Senior Specialist on International Labour Standards and Labour Law at the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. He has previously worked with the ILO in Delhi, India and at Headquarters in Geneva. He graduated with the Juris Doctor Degree from New York University School of Law.

#### **Mark Taylor**

Mark B. Taylor has been the Team Leader of the Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP) since it started in August 2013. He is responsible for the strategic delivery and management of AAPTIP across the seven partner countries - Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam and the Philippines – and regionally in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat. Prior to arriving in AAPTIP, Mark worked for 28 years in the U.S. Department of State, serving the last 10 years of that time leading the Reporting and Political Affairs Section of the Trafficking in Persons office -- coordinating the production of 10 annual Trafficking in Persons Reports and managing the Department's diplomatic engagement efforts on human trafficking issues around the world. In prior years, he performed assignments in Burma (Myanmar), India, and Nigeria, covering narcotics and crime control issues, human rights, and trafficking in persons.

#### **Gunthur Witjaksono**

Mr, Gunthur Witjaksono is the Director of the Directorate of Placement of Indonesian Overseas Workers, Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia Government of Indonesia. He frequently and capably represents the Republic of Indonesia at regional conferences, meetings and global dialogue. His recent participation has encompassed

#### **Jolovan Wham**

Mr. Jolovan Wham is a social worker and Executive Director of Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics, a NGO concerned about the rights and welfare of migrant workers in Singapore. Jolovan is a founding member of HOME and has helped to spearhead and develop many of the organisation's current programmes and activities. HOME runs shelters, legal aid programmes, conducts research, skills training and capacity building workshops. He has worked in collaboration with other local and regional NGOs in initiating campaigns against trafficking in persons and advocating for the rights of low wage migrant workers in Singapore.



### **Max Tunon**

Mr. Max Tuñón is the Senior Programme Officer / Coordinator of the GMS TRIANGLE project - Tripartite Action to Protect Migrant Workers within and from the Greater Mekong Subregion from Labour Exploitation. The project aims to strengthen the formulation and implementation of improved recruitment and labour protection policies and practices. The project has run since 2010, and carries out activities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam - and supports bilateral and regional initiatives.

Prior to working in the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, he was based in Beijing, working on internal migration in China, specifically on an ILO project to prevent labour trafficking, and then a UN Joint Programme on Youth Employment and Migration. Before that, he worked on youth employment issues in Vietnam.

### **Mukhtar Panakor**

Mr. Mukhtar Panakor has been with the Department of Labour Protection and Welfare for 20 years. Ministry of Labour, Thailand. Work on Labour Protection and has a long experience as a labour inspector. He currently holds the position of Labour Officer, Professional Level. He has responsible for prevention and problem solving on labour protection sector, labour protection bureau.

### **Hans Leo Cacadac**

Mr. Hans Cacadac is the POEA administrator, a position he has held since January 2012. Before his assumption as POEA chief, Mr Cacadac was DOLE undersecretary for labor relations. He joined the DOLE in 2004 as executive director of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board, and moved to the POEA in 2006 as deputy administrator for licensing and adjudication. He obtained a master's degree in comparative law with focus on international trade and workers' rights from the Cumberland School of Law of Stanford University. He has represented the Philippine government in many international meetings and conferences.

### **Sokchar Mom**

Mr. Mom Sokcha is the program manager for the Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW) in Cambodia. LSCW is a local non-profit organization working toward the promotion of the rights of Cambodian migrant workers and trafficked persons through legal aid, community outreach and advocacy programs.

Mr. Mom Sokcha graduated from law school in 2000. He has worked for the LSCW for over 10 years and has extensive expertise and experience in the area of migration and human trafficking, especially the trafficking of Cambodian men onto fishing vessel.

### **Goh Seng Wing**

Mr Goh Seng Wing is a Senior Consultant for Industrial Relations with the Malaysian Employers' Federation. He is responsible for providing advice, guidance and training to MEF member companies on Human Resource Management, Labour Laws and Industrial Relations. He prepares cases to represent MEF member companies at the industrial and labour court and conciliates proceedings with the Industrial Relations Department. Prior to joining the MEF in 2004 Mr Goh served as the Deputy Director General of the Department of Labour, Peninsular Malaysia.



## **DAY TWO**

### **Basri Hatimbulan Harahap**

Mr. Basri Hatimbulan Harahap is the Head of Unit in the Indonesian Attorney General's Task Force on Terrorism and Transnational Crime and he has been a Prosecutor since 2006. He was born in Pontianak, Indonesia and received his Master's degree in law from Airlangga Surabaya University. He has experience prosecuting labour trafficking cases.

### **Mr. Daniel H. Weiss**

Mr. Daniel Weiss is a Senior Trial Attorney in the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit of the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. Mr. Weiss is a federal prosecutor who specializes in forced labour and commercial sex trafficking prosecutions. Mr. Weiss has a national practice and prosecutes trafficking cases throughout the United States. Mr. Weiss has received numerous awards from the Department of Justice, including three special commendations from the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Mr. Weiss is a frequent presenter at civil rights conferences and has trained prosecutors, judges and law enforcement officers in the United States and abroad on victim-centered approach to human trafficking prosecutions. Mr. Weiss graduated with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

### **Mr. Rhymie Bin Mohammed Ramli**

Mr. Rhymie Bin Mohammed Ramli is a Senior Assistant Director attached to the Enforcement Division, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit, in the Headquarters of the Department of Labour of Peninsular Malaysia. He has handled numerous tasks such as serving as an adjudicating officer in "Labour Court" inquiry, investigating officer relating to labour complaints, inspection officer, a commissioner of workmen compensation, and an investigating officer in forced labour cases. Furthermore, he has often been invited by the government department, private sector as well as international organization as a speaker in various topics relating to labour law and issues on forced labour. He holds a degree in law from International Islamic University Malaysia, and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor to the Malaysian Bar in 2000. He practiced in several law firms prior to joining the Industrial Relations Services in 2002 and held the position of Assistant Director of Labour.

### **Ms. Hera Shanaj**

Ms. Hera Shanaj is the Regional Victim Support Adviser for the Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons, and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. She assists counterparts in seven countries with capacity building, technical advice and training in strengthening measures for providing support services to victims of trafficking in the criminal justice process. Prior to joining AAPTIP, Hera worked on child protection, social inclusion and anti-trafficking projects in Albania and Kosovo for various UN agencies and the EU, performed a number of independent consultancies on anti-trafficking issues in East Asia, the Middle East and Europe and was the anti-TIP program manager for regional projects at IOM in the Bangkok office.

### Ms. Rebecca Surtees:

Rebecca Surtees is an anthropologist and senior researcher at NEXUS Institute, a human rights research and policy centre focused on human trafficking. She has experience both in the implementation of anti-trafficking programmes and as a researcher in SE Asia as well as Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa. Her particular area of work is victim assistance and protection; recent research includes studies of reintegration of trafficked persons in the GMS, Indonesia and the Balkans and why some trafficking victims decline assistance. She has also conducted numerous empirical research studies in Asia and elsewhere on trafficking of men and trafficking for labour including for domestic work, construction, in factories and in the fishing industry.

### Ms. Susan Ople

Maria Susana V. Ople heads the Blas F. Ople Policy Center, a non-profit organization that specializes in labor and migration issues and concerns. She served as labor undersecretary and presidential speechwriter, and was formerly a consultant of the International Labor Organization on a workers' education project for women. Today, Miss Ople is a columnist of Panorama Magazine and Tempo (every Sunday) while active in broadcast and civil society circles. She has two radio programs. Her father, the late labor secretary, senator and foreign affairs secretary Blas F. Ople is known as the Father of the Labor Code and Philippine Overseas Employment Program. Known by her nickname "Toots", she is a member of the Harvard Club and was recipient of the Kennedy School Harvard Alumni Achievement Award in 2010.

### Ms. Darlene Pajarito

Darlene R. Pajarito is an Assistant City Prosecutor in Zamboanga City. She is known as one of the strongest anti-trafficking advocates in the Philippines. After joining the Department of Justice in 2004, Ms. Pajarito together with Prosecutor Ricardo Cabaron secured the Philippines' first sex trafficking conviction in 2005 and the second labor trafficking conviction in 2011. To date, she has secured six (6) human trafficking convictions. In 2010, Secretary of Justice Leila M. De Lima also selected her to head the Regional Anti-Trafficking Task Force in Region IX. In 2011, then U.S. Secretary of State Hilary R. Clinton presented her with a "2011 HERO ACTING TO END MODERN DAY SLAVERY AWARD." Prosecutor Pajarito was recently assigned to the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) Secretariat as the **Executive Officer of the Task Force Operations and Monitoring Section** which is tasked to oversee the operations of all Anti-Trafficking Task Forces in the Philippines.