Young people make up a significant share of the global number of international migrants. In 2010, there were an estimated 27 million international young migrants. Although migration creates valuable opportunities, it can also create risks, including discrimination and exploitation.

International Youth Day 2013 will raise awareness of the opportunities and risks associated with youth migration, share knowledge and information stemming from recent research and analysis on this topic, and engage young people in discussions on their migration experiences.

The UN Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth joins the APYouthNet Talk Show to discuss his work, how he is coordinating the UN’s efforts in youth issues and to share his advice to young people worldwide. Click here to watch the special show: apyouthnet.ilo.org/podcast

A Global Interactive Dialogue on UN Youth Initiatives with the UN Secretary General and Senior UN Officials was an interactive panel discussion with the Secretary General and four UN Senior officials held on 5th August. The discussion can be watched in full here: webtv.un.org

The 2013 World Youth Report (WYR) on Youth Migration and Development will be launched on 12 August. The Report will offer a multidimensional perspective of the life experiences of youth migrants. To learn more about the Report click here: unworldyouthreport.org

The Regional Coordination Mechanism of the UN Development Group Asia-Pacific Technical Working Group on Youth has compiled a short video slideshow to draw attention to the issues surrounding young migrants: youtube.com

POSTCARD FROM... Vietnam

by Nguyen Than Thuong, ILO Hanoi

Xin chào from Vietnam. The ILO has just started the Rural Youth Employment program in Vietnam that is focused on addressing the youth employment challenges in rural areas through entrepreneurship support, skills development, improved working conditions, social security, gender equity, and efforts to give young women and men a stronger “voice” in policy debates and decision making.

The ILO, within the Work for Youth (W4Y) program, is supporting the national statistical office to develop the School-to-Work Transition survey (SWTS) and establishment survey. This initiative aims to fill in the labour market information gaps by generating a large pool of information/data on the characteristics and labour market attachments of young people and on the skills needs of enterprises. ILO also provides technical support and advisory service to the Government with revision of the law on vocational and ongoing reforms of the education and training system and institutions, which is the key to tap the talent and energy of young people and unleash their economic potentials for a productive and competitive economy. Youth employment is part of the Vietnam Decent Work country Program and put into the central of the national development agenda.

Introducing APYouthNet’s new online chat function

This month, APYouthNet is launching a new online chat function for members. The launch of this functionality is part of an ongoing commitment across all 5 ILO-sponsored communities of practice to better connect with members and improve our network’s sharing capabilities.

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