

JILPT Research Activities

Northeast Asia Labor Forum

The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training (JILPT) sponsored “The 3rd Northeast Asia Labor Forum” in Tokyo on 28 October 2004. This was the third in a series of annual forums in which JILPT from Japan, the Chinese Academy of Labour and Social Security (CALSS) from China and the Korea Labor Institute (KLI) from Korea jointly participate. Research results are presented at these forums with the aim of achieving mutual understanding among the three countries as well as advancing research.

The themes for the forums are decided by the host country. The first forum held in Beijing in 2002, addressed the theme “Measures for Improving Employment in the Age of Economic Globalization.” The second forum took place on Cheju Island, Korea in 2003, and focused on “Women and Employment.”

This year’s forum, co-organized by three institutions, was held to discuss “The Current Situation and Issues Surrounding the Employment of Atypical Workers” and focused on the increasing number of atypical workers in response to the diversification of employment patterns. JILPT considers this question a major policy issue, hence it seemed an appropriate topic to be discussed among the three countries.

Below are the titles of the reports presented at the forum by researchers from each institution. The entire contents of these reports can be viewed on JILPT’s website (<http://www.jil.go.jp/english/index.html>).

JILPT

Ogura, Kazuya, Vice Senior Researcher. “*The Concept and the Current Situation of Atypical Employment – Based on International Comparative Studies.*”

Ono, Akiko, Researcher. “*The Current Situation and Issues concerning Utilization of Part-time Workers in Japan – A Case Study of Major Retailing Sectors.*”

CALSS

Yue, Songdong, Professor, Development and Research Center of the State Council. “*Atypical Employment in China: Recent Developments and Strategies for Establishing a System.*”

Zheng, Dongliang, Deputy Director-General, Institute for Labour Studies. “*The Character, Role and Policies concerning Flexible Employment in China.*”

KLI

Lee, Injae, Reserarch Fellow. “*The Definition of Diversifying Employment Patterns and the Concept of Atypical Employment in Korea.*”

Nam, Jaeryang, Research Fellow. “*The Current Situation surrounding Employment of Atypical Workers in Korea.*”