IILS-CALSS Workshop
to Explore Research Collaboration

Beijing, People’s Republic of China
April 26-27, 2007

PROGRAMME

April 26 Thursday

Venue: Beijing Continental Grand Hotel,
Continental Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

08:30—09:00 Registration

Session I

Research conducted by IILS and CALSS in Recent Years
Moderator: Mr. Xuemin LIU, Vice President of CALSS

09:00—09:20 Brief Introduction to CALSS and the Major Research Projects conducted in Recent Years
-- By Mr. Xiaobao TIAN, President of CALSS

09:20—09:40 Research Programmes by IILS in Recent Years
-- By Mr. Gerry RODGERS, Director of IILS

09:40-10:00 Decent Work and Productivity: Implications for Enterprises in the Asian Region
-- By Mr. Toshio SUZUKI, Board Member, IILS

10:00-10:10 Signing of Letter of Agreement between IILS and CALSS

10:10-10:30 Tea Break

Session II

Decent Work and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
Moderator: Mr. Xiaobao TIAN, President of CALSS

10:30—11:00 CSR and labour law: the current debate in China
-- By Mr. Junfeng ZHANG, DDG of Institute for International Labour and Information Studies, MoLSS (TBC)

11:00—12:00 CSR, the ILO and the research community
-- By Mr. Jean-Claude JAVILLIER, IILS
-- By Prof. Arnold ZACK, Harvard Law School of Harvard University

12:00—12:30 Discussion (questions and answers for clarification; initial comments)

12:30—14:00 Lunch Break

Session III

The ILO and Decent Work in China
14:00—14:30
-- By Ms. Constance THOMAS, Director, ILO Beijing
-- By Mr. Yanbin LIU, DG of Institute for International Labour and Information Studies, MoLSS

Session IV

Decent Work, Productivity and Global Production Networks
Moderator: Mr. Gerry RODGERS, Director of IILS

14:30—15:00 Introduction: ILO research on Decent Work, productivity and global production
-- By Ms. Anne POSTHUMA, IILS
15:00-15:30 ILO research project on “Decent Work and Global Production Systems in Asia”
--By Mr. Kenta GOTO, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
--By Mr. Genghua LIU, CALSS

15:30-15:45 Tea Break

15:45-16:15 Dynamics of labour-intensive clusters in China: relying exclusively on labour costs or cultivating innovation?
--By Ms. Jici WANG, Professor, Peking University

16:15-16:45 Global production networks, competitive upgrading and implications
--By Professor Gary GEREFFI, Duke University

16:45-17:15 Discussion (questions and answers for clarification; initial comments)

17:15—19:15 Reception: Hosted jointly by IILS and CALSS

April 27, Friday

Venue: Multifunctional Hall, Zhonggong Mansion, China Institute for Industrial Relations

08:30—09:00 Registration

Session V Building up a Harmonious Society: Exchange of Ideas in the Area of Industrial Relations

Moderator: Ms. Qinquin SHEN, Vice President of CIIR

09:00—09:10 Welcome speech
--By Mr. Deqi LI, President of CIIR

09:10-09:30 The position and function of Trade Unions in Developing Harmonious Industrial Relations in China
--By Mr. Binsheng LI, DG of Policy and Research Office, ACFTU (TBC)

09:30—09:50 Harmonious Industrial Relation and the Development of Private Businesses
--Dr. Wenhui JU, Department of Public Administration, CIIR

09:50—10:15 Tea Break

Session VI Parallel Sessions: Working Groups to exchange ideas on priorities concerning three research themes:
Participants from universities and research institutions and representatives of workers’ and employers’ organizations to discuss:
• Key policy concerns in China relating to the three themes,
• Research priorities relating to the three themes and focusing in particular on labour and employment issues,
• Knowledge base and knowledge gaps (what research has already been done, who is doing what research in the Chinese context, what are the main knowledge gaps),
• How adequate is the statistical base, what relevant surveys have been conducted,
• How to frame a realistic research agenda for collaboration,
• How to implement the research collaboration
Working Group 1: Industrial relations in China and International Communities
Moderator: Dr. Yue GUO, DDG of ACFTU and Professor Yanyuan CHENG, School of Labour and Human Resources, Renmin University

Working Group 2: Decent Work and Corporate Social Responsibility
Moderators: Ms. Constance THOMAS and Mr. Jean-Claude JAVILLIER, ILO and IILS

Working Group 3: Global Production Systems, Decent Work and Harmonious Development in China
Moderators: Ms. Lin LI and Ms. Anne POSTHUMA, IILS

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

Session VIII Reporting Back from Three Working Groups and Discussion
14:00-14:30 Working Group 1
14:30-15:00 Working Group 2
15:00-15:30 Working Group 3

15:30-15:45 Tea Break

Session IX Summing Up of Research Priorities and Collaboration
Moderator: Ms. Lin LI, IILS
- A future research agenda and its main elements
- Suggestions for strengthening collaboration

16:30-16:45 Closing ceremony
Speakers: Mr. Gerry Rodgers, Director of IILS
Mr. Xiaobao TIAN, President of CALSS
Mr. Deqi LI, President of CIIR