Forum on Pension and Social Security

Singapore
December 14-15, 2013

Venue and Accommodation:

Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel
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Background:

PSI is working towards achieving Quality Public Services and Decent Work for all workers through intervention and influencing global policies. Pension and social security is integral in the context of QPS and Decent work. We believe that all workers in all services must have access to pension schemes enabling them to retire from work and receive an income adequate for their needs. Unions are increasingly aware that the pension fund investments are unethically made to promote privateers and multinational companies rather than provisioning for the public services and developmental activities. This absolutely denies the right to workers to have a say in their savings. The recent events show that International Financial Institutions are also trying to lay their hands on the pension funds of the workers and mobilizing the countries for the investments.
This forum is timely and important for the workers and public sectors unions to be part of the development and be involved in the pension fund governance that can play a major role in ensuring that workers' retirement funds are invested for progressive and socially responsible purposes.

**Objectives:**

- To share the diversities of public pension funds and a deeper understanding about pension at the global context
- To provide a regional perspective and what mechanisms or interventions that can be employed and useful for workers actions
- To come up with recommendations and action point on how PSI at the global level can articulate the local concerns and how the unions at national level can play a bigger role with regard to pension funds.

**Participants:**

Trade union representatives, government officials, and experts on pension funds from the Asia-Pacific region will participate in the forum.

**Programme:**

**December 13 – Arrival and Check-in**

**December 14 – Day 1 (Saturday)**

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<td>Workshop Objectives &amp; brief</td>
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**Session 1:** Paper Presentation on Pension UK Experience

*Meech Colin* - Video Presentation  
UNISON

10:30 am – 11:00 am  
*Tea Break (plus Group Photograph)*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Session 2:** Panel Discussion: Strengthening Pension Safety Nets

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Agus Toniman**  
  Vice President  
  KSPI  
  Indonesia

- **Hon. Mario Aguja**  
  Member, Board of Trustee  
  Government Services Insurance System  
  Philippines

- **R. Srinivasan**  
  General Secretary  
  Indian National Defense Workers Federation

**Reactor(s):**

- **Mr. Hiroo Aoba**  
  Sub Regional Secretary, PSI East Asia Sub region

- **Ms. Anna Claude**  
  Director  
  Campaign Strategy  
  New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association  
  Australia

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
*Lunch Break*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Session 3:** Panel Discussion: Ensuring Ethical Investment and addressing IFI influences
Panelists:

Mr. Rajeshwar Singh
General Secretary
Fiji Public Services Association

Hon. Mario Aguja
Member, Board of Trustee
Government Services Insurance System
Philippines

Reactors:

Ms. Esperanza Ocampo
National President
Philippine Government Employees Association
Philippines

Mr. Victor Chiong
National President
Alliance of Government Workers in Water Sector
Philippines

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
*Tea Break*

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Session 4:** Panel Discussion: Trade Union Interventions And Influence

Panelists:

Ms. Anna Claude
Director
Campaign Strategy
New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association
Australia

Mr. Abdurahman Irsyadi
General Secretary
JAMSOSTEK Employees Union
Indonesia

Mr. R. Srinivansan
General Secretary
Indian National Defense Workers Federation
Chennai, India
Reactors:  
Mr. J.B. Madai  
Secretary  
Nepal Civil Services Employees Union  
Nepal  

December 15 – Day 2 (Sunday)  
9:00 am – 9:15 am  Reflections for the Day  
9:15 am – 10:15 am  Session 5: Group Work on the discussions of the panel 1-3  
10:15 am – 10:30 am  Tea Break  
10:30 am – 11:30 pm  Session 6: Presentation of the Group Output  
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm  summarizing the outcomes and drafting follow ups  
1:00 pm  Lunch & Farewell  

Main Facilitator and Moderator:  Mr. Glenn Barclay, NZPSA