

Employment injury protection scheme launched for RMG workers

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The labour ministry in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation on Tuesday launched an employment injury protection scheme in the readymade garment sector to provide income protection to the victims of work-related accidents and occupational diseases.

With the inauguration of the ILO scheme in association with the Netherlands and Germany, RMG workers will get enhanced social security through income protection.

Prime minister's private industry and investment adviser Salman Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the pilot scheme in an event held at Hotel Intercontinental in the city.

Labour ministry secretary Md Ehsan-E-Elahi, ILO country director for Bangladesh Tuomo Poutiainen, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association leaders and labour leaders were present at the ceremony.

ILO country director Tuomo Poutiainen said that the launch of 'Employment Injury Protection' scheme for RMG workers in Bangladesh was an important and historic step in strengthening accident protection in the country.

Such a system would promote sustainable business practices and provide right kind of signals to investors as Bangladesh is step by step upgrading its social protection systems for the benefit of all, he said.

In the event, Salman F Rahman said that social security was high on the agenda of prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

BGMEA president Faruque Hassan said that the employment injury protection scheme would contribute to the social well-being of workers and employers and above all improvement of the country's social security system.

Employment injury protection is one of the nine branches of social protection recognised by the ILO for all workers under its Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952.

Bangladesh has already taken this issue as a priority and highlighted the same in the 2nd Phase Action Plan of the National Social Security Strategy.



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