



September and October News Summary

Monday, November 7, 2011

September 6, 2011

工人说话有力量 山西煤炭行业推行工资集体协商制度

The workers have power: The coal industry in Shanxi presents its collective bargaining system.

In order to guarantee the basic rights of the workers, the labor unions in Shanxi's coal industry will gradually carry out a collective contract system, provide collective bargaining trainings, and most importantly, develop a collective bargaining system.

http://www.sx.xinhuanet.com/jryw/2011-09/06/content_23629349.htm

September 9, 2011

Report on Industrial Relations and Working conditions in IMF-related TNCs in China

The Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC) was commissioned by the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) to conduct a pilot investigation of industrial relations and working conditions in IMF-related sectors in China in 2006. An investigation team made up of Hong Kong and China-based labor researchers was formed to conduct field research into the working conditions inside 27 foreign-invested factories, and gather secondary material regarding the development and performance of IMF industries.

http://www.amrc.org.hk/projects/IMF_china_report

September. 9, 2011

Workers in Triumph International's supplier factory in Hainan went on strike

Nearly a thousand workers working in a supplier factory of Triumph International, a German underwear manufacturer, went on strike because they are unsatisfied with the wage. The workers are only paid 700RMB per month, and they will receive a 250RMB bonus only when their average efficiency is more than 40%.

Source: <http://chinese.ruvr.ru/2011/09/09/55887217.html>

September 21, 2011

China's work safety watchdog warns gold producers of severe levels of pollution

China's work safety authority on Tuesday urged the nation's gold producers to take action to protect their employees from dangerous dust and other particulates that they may be exposed to during working hours.

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/NEWS/tabid/99/ID/676301/Chinas-work-safety-watchdog-warns-gold-producers-of-severe-levels-of-pollution.aspx>

Oct. 5th, 2011

Apple's labor terrible condition draws attention as iphone 4S comes out

ZDF, A German television channel reported the terrible working conditions in Foxconn, Apple's Chinese supplier. They quoted a worker at Foxconn, "Foxconn is a murder.. Foxconn treats workers as robots. "

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,15438614,00.html>

October 17th, 2011

Foreign companies frequently abuses their workers, exposing legal loopholes

The Italian brand Gucci became the subject of criticism after five former employees at its Shenzhen flagship store publicly released an open letter claiming that the company was a "sweatshop." According to the Journalist's observation and investigation, Gucci is one of

many foreign companies who abuses Chinese workers.

Source: <http://finance.jrj.com.cn/2011/10/17220511313336.shtml> 

October 17th, 2011

Apple's Chinese suppliers accused of discharging pollutants

CCTV's News Investigation aired a program called "the other side of Apple" on October 15th, 2011. Apple's Chinese suppliers are accused of discharging pollutants that not only does harm to the environment, but also to the workers' health.

Source: <http://green.sina.com.cn/news/roll/2011-10-17/163823316739.shtml> 

Oct.26, 2011

Workers in the supplier factory for Citizen Watch went on strike.

The workers working in a supplier factory for Citizen Watch were on strike for nearly a week because the factory proposed to pay the workers by piece instead of by hour. After negotiations with the factory (Guan Xin) and Citizen Holdings, the production resumed after a compromise from the factory and Citizen. They are going to postpone the hour-rate system.

According to an insider, the change of the payment system was just the signal for the strike. The fundamental problem is the low wage and the rigid supervising system in Japanese style

<http://finance.eastmoney.com/news/1354,20111026171672439.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/zhongwen/simp/chinese_news/2011/10/111025_citizen_china.shtml 

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