

## Fair wage increase in collective agreements for 2017

# END OF CHEAP LABOUR

We don't want to belong to the worst paid employees in the EU! This slogan was at the launch of the Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions' long-term campaign "End of Cheap Labour" against low wages and salaries in the Czech Republic.

The goal of ČMKOS' campaign is to get out the Czech economy from the persisting concept of low wages.

The trade union campaign has inspired and positively influenced collective bargaining with companies for 2016. The growth of the median wage is close to 6.5 per cent this year, which is the 8 years maximum.

The Government rectifies income of employees paid by the state by regular increasing the minimum wage and raising salaries in public sector. This should be an inspiration for employers in private sector.

ČMKOS deems necessary to highlight the importance of the real wage – that is what the employees actually buy with their wages. Household consumption is a key driver of GDP growth. It contributes by more than 50 per cent to the GDP creation. That is why the whole society needs to be interested in wage increase which enables employees to contribute more to the growth of Czech economy.

In the upcoming round of collective bargaining for 2017, ČMKOS recommends to negotiate, where economically suitable, a wage growth by 5 – 5.5 per cent.

Participants of the ČMKOS manifestation meeting

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