ABSTRACT

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A Case Study of Maesod District Tak Province

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The objectives of this study are as follows: firstly, to investigate push and pull factors of illegal Myanmar migration; and secondly, to study various effects of illegal Myanmar labours in Maesod district, Tak Province.

Research findings:

Causes and Factors of illegal Myanmar migration can be divided into push and pull factors.

- 1. Push factors in Myanmar consist of political, economic, sociocultural factors, and natural resource and environment.
- 2. Pull factors in Thailand consist of the strength of being a border market town, lack of labours, migration network, compulsory education policy, population control policy, and location easy to cross the Thai-Myanmar border.

The effect of illegal Myanmar labour can be classified into 3 main facets namely,

- 1. Political effect: the government of Thailand cannot make a proper illegal labour policy would be applied in Maesod area.
- 2. Economic effect: while an industrial business sectors in Maesod demands a great deal of Myanmar labours, many Thai local peoples are unemployed.
- 3. Social effect: the illegal Myanmar labours in the area are still generating social problems in terms of public health, prostitution, illegal immigration, and drugs.