

## **ABSTRACT**

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Nowadays, the problems of illegal immigrants are considered one of the most serious problems which Thailand is facing. This is because the number of illegal immigrants in Thailand increases steadily. Despite the government's effort put on the strict measure in arrest and prosecution, there is still no trend for a decrease in sight. The fact that Thailand and Myanmar share a very long common border, actually the longest comparing with other neighboring countries, as well as the ongoing political problem and economic recession in Myanmar ; all are factors for the influx of Myanmar nationals and minorities into Thailand. Upon arriving in Thai soil, these people then desperately seek for illegal employments or any other forms of financial opportunities even acting as criminal gangs or influential groups just to survival. These people inevitably cause political, economic and social problems to Thailand . The objectives of this thesis are :

1. To study factors affecting or supporting the illegal entry of Myanmar nationals into Thailand .
2. To study the consequences in economic, political aspects brought by .

the illegal employment of the Myanmar illegal immigrants in Thailand

3. To study the government policy and measures on the problems of the illegal employments in Thailand.

4. To set the guideline for the solution of the problems on the employment of the Myanmar illegal immigrants in order to respond to the current situation.

The above study yields the following results:

1. Factors affecting the illegal entry of Myanmar nationals into Thailand can be categorized into two types as follow:

1.1 Push Factors The situation in the Union of Myanmar which encourages its citizens and minorities to run away from.

1.2 Pull Factors Favorable circumstances in Thailand which attract Myanmar citizens and minorities to come to.

2. The results of the study affected by illegal entry of Myanmar immigrants found that :

In political aspect,the Myanmar immigrants affects Thailand's national security and relationship between the two countries and Myanmar illegal immigrants completely ruin the wage system in Thailand because Myanmar labours always accept wage that is lower than the rate prescribed by the government. The cheap labour makes it no need for the investors to use high technology in their productions and no development of high technology to increase their productivity

Socially, these illegal immigrants brought along numbers of infected diseases with them for example malaria and AIDS etc. They also cause criminal,drug and educational problems and create pollution.

3. According to the solution policy, the government's attempt to set up measures for treatment of these Myanmar illegal immigrants can be considered in two stages as follow:

3.1 The Cabinet resolution dated 17 March 1992 which allowed illegal immigrants from Myanmar to register and work in some prescribed categories of work and in restricted area.

3.2 The Cabinet resolution dated 25 June 1996 which permitted employment of Myanmar immigrants for 8 categories of labour work and household work in the area of 43 provinces and in the limit of 2 years time.

In application of the above policies, the Myanmar nationals illegally entering and residing in Thailand were actually revealed and the problem of labour shortage within the country was alleviated to some extent. It still cannot be said that those measures successfully worked.

4. This study suggests the guidelines for a solution of this problem as follow.

4.1 Initiating a strict measure in preventing these illegal immigrants from entering into Thailand and also sending them back to their homeland. Moreover, an effective system in controlling the foreign illegal immigrants is needed.

4.2 Establishing illegal immigrants centers which can accommodate receiving, controlling and sending them back.

4.3 Measures relating the control of foreign labours used by other Asian countries should be brought into consideration for further application in Thailand.