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This thesis focuses on the study of Thai foreign policy regarding Thai overseas labor. The study is directed at the key factors which influenced the Government of General Prem Tinasulanond, including the issue of Thai overseas workers as a part of Thai foreign policy. This study also includes practicable measures conducted by related mechanism of government in achieving its aim. Moreover, the study examines the foreign policy formulation on this subject as used by later governments up to the present time. All studies were made by the method of documentary research, collecting of statistical data and interviewing officers working with various government agencies concerned in order to make this thesis as complete as possible.

From the study, it is discovered that economic interests gained from Thais working overseas is obvious in that it helps to sustain Thai economic growth. Coincidentally, the domestic economic problems concerning unemployment and deficits in the international balance of trade and payment are important factors which pressed all the governments since General Prem to promote Thai workers working abroad to use the foreign policy as a key mechanism to find overseas labor market and, at the same time, to protect their interests, as well as to protect them from all dangers of wars or of international politics.

In order to implement such policy, the governments use their main agencies, that is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Labour and the Police Department. In particular, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is assigned an important role in the coordination of concerned agencies for succeeding Thai overseas employment policy.

The researcher suggests that when the promotion of overseas employment has become more important and necessary for Thailand in the light of existing unemployment rate and trade deficits. Therefore, foreign policy regarding Thai overseas employment should be more clearly and systematically formulated in order to expand and develop Thailand's economy as a whole.