

**GANCHANAGET THUMAVATANAGUL : THE STUDY ON DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALITY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES FROM TRANSFER PAYMENT OF THAI LABOUR IN THE MIDDLE EAST : A CASE STUDY OF UDON THANI, KHON KAEN AND NAKHON RATCHASIMA. THESIS ADVISOR : ASSO.PROF.KIAT CHIVAKUL, Ed.D. 196 pp.**

Labour market for Thai people in the Middle East has been a very important employment source during the past several years. The benefit of labour movement to the Middle East has not only created a better employment status in the local area but also upgraded the family living through the transfer payment. This payment; however, has not been spending for economic investment; it has spent for other individual consumption which therefore results to the opportunity loss in revenue enhancement of the family. The Study on Development Potentiality of Economic Activities from Transfer Payment of Thai Labour in the Middle East aims to recommend any potential economic activities to be developed from this transfer payment which will have direct impact on income increase of the family and indirect impact on local employment distribution. Udon Thani, Khon Kaen and Nakhon Ratchasima province were selected as a case study due to the abundance of labour forces entering the Middle East market.

The study indicates that the most promising economic activity is the industrial sector particularly agricultural processing, construction, wood products, and services all of which can be categorized in connection with the amount of raw materials, industrial agglomeration, domestic and international market demand, labour skill and experience and government promotion policy as follows,

Udon Thani : (1) Tapioca Mill (2) Sugar Mill (3) Structure Clay Products, Cement, Concrete.

Khon Kaen : (1) Tapioca Mill (2) Gunny Bag Mill and Cordage Rope Industry (3) Sugar Mill (4) Flour Grain Mill (5) Structure Clay Products, Cement, Concrete (6) Saw Mill (7) Motor Vehicle and Parts (8) Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (9) Manufacture of Pottery.

Nakhon Ratchasima : (1) Tapioca Mill (2) Gunny Bag Mill and Cordage Rope Industry (3) Flour Grain Mill (4) Structure Clay Products, Cement, Concrete (5) Saw Mill (6) Woodwork for Builder (7) Agricultural Machinery and Equipment.

In addition to the above-mentioned potential economic activities; it is recommend that the labourers invest in their original and experienced occupation.