

PRAGAS KANTASKAL : AN ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
OF THAI WORKERS IN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND SINGAPORE.

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The thesis consists of study and analysis of income and expenditure of Thai workers in Middle East countries and Singapore. The information was obtained from the people who returned from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Singapore and are going to work there. 412 questionnaires consisting of 298 from Saudi Arabia, 61 from Kuwait, 12 from Iraq, and 41 from Singapore were collected by simple random sampling.

According to the study, the workers in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Singapore had their monthly income of 6,755 baht, 5,713 baht, 7,104 baht and 3,196 baht respectively. The expenditures arising from arrangements to go to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Singapore were 31,410 baht, 30,415 baht, 31,612 baht and 40,363 baht respectively and there were monthly expenses of 975 baht, 565 baht, 1,195 baht and 584 baht respectively. To reach break-even point the workers in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Singapore should have working period of at least 6.38, 6.98, 6.30 and 15.55 months respectively. Problem arose from high service charges from service firms in getting workmen abroad. In addition, there was also problem in receiving compensation money. The Government should intervene by providing more service which would result in more competition with service firms and collaborate with the Bank of Thailand and commercial banks in obtaining finance for workmen going to work abroad.