

Abstract

Title Proposed solutions to the illegal foreign labors problem in Thailand
Case study: Kanchanaburi Province

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Kanchanaburi province is one of the provinces in Thailand located at the border to Burma. Due to its location, the problem of illegal migration of Burmese workers is rather common. In the last decade, the growth of Thai economy has more or less surpassed the neighboring countries. This results in lack of labor force in both the agricultural and industrial sections because Thai workers deny taking jobs related to danger or unhygienic risks, or hardship. Consequently, there is a high demand of foreign labors from the business sector. The problem of illegal migration in many areas of Thailand has become more prominent largely because of lack in control and authority in efficiently regulating the law. There are over two millions illegal Burmese workers in Thailand, some of them have immigrated through Kanchanaburi. For this reason, the researcher has chosen to study on solutions of this problem by focusing in Kanchanaburi province. The objectives of this research are to study the problem, the solutions, including government related policies in the passed years, and to analyze for appropriate and efficient proposed solutions for this illegal migration labors problem. The research will be qualitative study by gathering related data and information and interviewing insight details from all side of the problem, in order to analyze all the possible problems. The result is to come up with proposed solution to illegal migration problem in Kanchanaburi. From the study, it was found that the trend of illegal immigration was not decreasing. Moreover, the policy and regulation of the problem were not yet suitable for the actual situation. Also, there was still a lack of strictness in authorizing the law.