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Attitudes Towards Migration for Employment
in the Regional Areas of Undergraduate
Engineering Students in Bangkok

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to study the attitudes of undergraduate engineering students in Bangkok towards migration for employment in regional areas. The variables examined include institution, achievement, place of birth, experiences in migration and duration of stay in Bangkok. Three hundred and twenty-one senior engineering students from universities and institutes under the Ministry of University Affairs were chosen for the study using simple random sampling technique. An attitudinal questionnaire was developed for data collection. Statistical analysis were based mainly on percentages and chi-square test.

The results were as follows ;

1. Students held a positive view regarding migration for employment in the regions. The main reason was the tremendously heavy traffic problems in Bangkok as compared to easy and comfortable lifestyles in provincial areas.

However, positive aspects of working in Bangkok were also identified including better opportunity for continuing education, more convenient access to health services, and easier access to current news and information.

2. Students who had different backgrounds with respect to institution, achievement, place of birth, experiences in migration and duration of stay in Bangkok showed no significant differences in attitudes towards migration at .05 level.

Drawn upon the results of this study, the researcher believes that the government should accelerate the development of major cities and industries in the regions together with the establishment of more graduate programs in regional universities. The improvement of regional environments in terms of health, public facilities and news services should also be realized as to provide more incentives for high-level manpower to work in various provinces of the country.