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Project title:

Migration and Migrants Policy for the Coming ASEAN Economic Community plus Three: Bridging Policy and Implementation

Abstract:

Many studies on the situation of migrants in the ASEAN member countries point to the inaccessibility of the welfare system, human rights and labor laws, as well as to social protection insofar as they are concerned. This is partly due to the lack of a clear and coherent national policy to tackle the issues of overseas migration, and the paucity of an effective mechanism to administer the prevention, the protection and the institution of remedial measures for migrants in both the sending and receiving countries.

In 2007, all ASEAN leaders affirmed their strong commitment to accelerate the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015. The ASEAN Community realization procedure comprises three pillars that work together: the ASEAN Political-Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. Accordingly, an agreement was drawn to speed up the establishment of the AEC to 2015, and to transform ASEAN into a region with free movement of goods, services, investments, skilled labor, and the a freer flow of capital. One result of this agenda will be the increase of migration within the region and problems concerning the phenomenon The aims of this project are therefore to develop a conceptual framework for and the organization of an international workshop focusing on migration and a migrants policy for the coming AEC plus Three. On this occasion knowledge on the situation of migration and migrants, and of the policy concerned in the different countries of the region will be exchanged and discussed, to draw up some recommendations for policy makers in the region, and not only for Thailand. Such meeting as discussed above is timely and can be a good response to the future of multiculturalism in Asia as ASEAN is going to be AEC.

Deliveries and Outputs:

1. Conceptual framework for an international workshop.

2. An international workshop on migration and migrants policy for the coming AEC+3: Bridging Policy and Implementation.
3. Policy papers and workshop proceedings.
4. Network of Asian migration scholars.