

## Abstract

### **The Impact Toward Family Stability and Change Caused by Thai Migrant Workers Working Abroad in Khon Kaen Province.**

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Two sets of questionnaire were used for data collection from the sample of 264 migrant workers and members of their households. Most of migrant workers are male, married, age between 25-34 years old and have primary education. Most cases processed through the private employment company. Most were low-skilled laborers. Wage per month abroad starts from 6,700 bath and over. These companies help sending remittance home. The ability to pay debt is more than 9,000 bath per month. Most respondents run out of debt upon their returning home and are satisfied with the income gained. Sickness and injury caused by the oversea work are found. Family breakdown and the interpersonal conflicts with relatives. Next is the lost of relationship with their communities. For members of migrant workers' households, sex ratio is 1.00 in agriculture, average working age 25-34 years. Children, spouses and parents constitute about 88 percent. Remittance is sent regularly and adequately for expense. Households have savings and personal properties from working oversea. Two-thirds of household members want to change occupation for more income. Family life relation does not change much. For negative impact, there have had a cheating from the middleman or companies for overcharging, problems and lack of relationship with relatives in the original community, sickness while in foreign country and when coming back to Thailand. Changing attitude towards agriculture career occurred. A high proportion of workers wants to go back to work again in foreign country, therefore, they tried every way to make it possible including illegal methods.