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Abstract

This study focuses on the networking, role of middlemen and brokers in the migration process of Bangladeshi migrant workers in Brunei. It describes legal and clandestine labor migration to Brunei, the influence of employment brokers, and the organization of the recruitment networks. According to the researcher the involvement of brokers is crucial but not always beneficial for the migrants. Migrants are dependent on the brokers but risk exploitation. Fieldwork was conducted from June 2015 to April 2016 in Brunei and in selected villages of Bangladesh where the migrant workers come from.

Speaker's Profile



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