

Research about Labor Export from Viet Nam

-- Through the Cases of Migrants to South Korea --

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Background and objectives of my research (300 words)

In the stream of globalization, in addition to the amount of things and money which transfer over the borders, the amount of people who transfer over the borders is increasing these days. Viet Nam is in that stream, too. After choosing the policy of opening the country to foreign business named *Doi Moi* at 1986, Vietnamese government has encouraged labor export as national policy because the labor export is very important tool to earn foreign currency and decrease poverty in Viet Nam. However they have gotten behind in legislation against labor export from Viet Nam. At last, the law named *Law on Sending Vietnamese Labor to Work Overseas on Contract Basis* is legislated at 2007. But the actual conditions have not been obvious yet.

On the other hand, after rapid economic growth and changing industrial structure until 1980's, South Korea fell in serious lack of simple labor force and started to accept foreign workers. At the beginning South Korea accepted guest workers by the trainee system named *Industrial Technical Trainee Program* like the schemes of training named *Industrial Training Program and Technical Internship Program* in Japan. However there were many human rights abuses to foreign workers, their disappearance from the workplace and protests against government by citizens' groups. At last, South Korean government shifted the labor import system from *Industrial Technical Trainee Program* to *Employment Permit System* which accepts foreign workers as not traineeship but labor.

However under the situation like this, researches in labor export from Viet Nam to South Korea is only considered from South Korea.

The purpose of this research is showing the actual conditions of labor export from Viet Nam to South Korea considered from Viet Nam.

Pictures (three pictures)



Picture 1 : The scene of the lecture by a staff from Japan International Cooperation Agency in Ha Noi city



Picture 2 : The mayor of Nam Son village (the first person from the left) and the president of Viet Nam office of Japan International Volunteer Center (the second person from the right)



Picture 3 : The scene of Nam Son village