THE NATURE, CAUSES AND IMPLICATIONS OF LABOUR MIGRATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT

Labour migration from the Philippines had its early beginnings during the period of Spanish colonization and over the course of time, the country has become one of the major sources of labour migration in the world. The number of deployed overseas Filipino workers has steadily increased in the last twenty-five years, with the domination of land-based migrant workers over sea-based workers. The countries of destination have expanded to cover the seven continents of the world and in the late 1990s, Asia emerged as a major continent of destination. The current outflow of migrants has also been characterized by a majority of female over male overseas workers. The impetus to seek overseas employment has been created by a multiplicity of factors existing both in the sending- and the receiving-countries. Consequently, international labour migration has brought economic, political and socio-cultural implications to Philippine society, as well as to the host countries,
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