

**World Bank and IPS Conference
Cross-Border Labour Mobility and Development in the East Asia and Pacific Region**

**1-2 June 2010
Orchard Hotel, Singapore**

The World Bank and the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) co-organised a two-day conference in Singapore on Cross-Border Labour Mobility and Development in the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region. It was attended by 29 participants, which included World Bank staff and invited paper writers from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.



The conference was organised in the format of a workshop to review papers on the experiences from migrant labour receiving and sending countries. Two publication volumes are planned: one would be a collection of country studies and the other a synthesis volume directed at policy makers. The conference was organised along four central themes: (1) “Economic Impact on Sending Countries”, (2) “Economic Impact on Receiving Countries”, (3) “Institutional and Governance Framework for Sending Countries” and (4) “Institutional and Governance Framework for Receiving Countries”.



According to the World Bank, the EAP region is unique given its composition of both labour receiving and sending countries. Migrants in the EAP region would remit about USD 86 billion in total to their home countries this year. In addition, issues such as economic integration, an ageing population, and differing levels of income and development in the region, have brought to the fore the pertinence of research on cross-border labour mobility.

Attachment A – List of Participants

Attachment B – Workshop Programme

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Notes taken Chua Chun Ser, IPS Research Assistant.

Attachment A

List of Participants

(As at 27 May, 10.00 am)

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PROGRAMME

(As at 31 May 2010)

1 – 2 June 2010

Orchard Hotel, Singapore

Ballroom 3, Level 3

8.45 am	Registration
9.00 am – 9.15 am	WELCOME REMARKS Arun Mahizhnan Institute of Policy Studies and Vikram Nehru World Bank
9.15 am – 9.20 am	Introduction of new participants
9.20 am – 9.50 am	Initial Findings and What We Expect to Achieve
<i>9.20 am – 9.30 am</i>	Ahmad Ahsan World Bank
<i>9.30 am – 9.50 am</i>	Discussion
9.50 am – 10.00 am	Coffee Break
10.00 am – 12.30 pm	Economic Impact on Sending Countries Chair: Ahmad Ahsan Papers and presented by: (20 mins each) The Economic Impact of International Migration and Remittances on Poverty and Household Consumption and Investment in Indonesia Richard H Adams, Jr World Bank Impacts of International Migration and Remittances on Child Outcomes and Labor Supply in Indonesia: How Does Gender Matter? Trang Van Nguyen World Bank and Ririn Salwa Purnamasari World Bank

Economic Impact of Overseas Labor Migration: Philippines

Emily Christi Cabegin
University of the Philippines

Economic Impacts of International Migration and Remittances on Vietnam's Development

Nguyen Viet Cuong
National Economics University
Vietnam
and
Daniel Mont
World Bank

Discussants (5 mins each)

Daniel Mont on Indonesia

Nguyen Viet Cuong on Indonesia

Richard H Adams, Jr on Philippines

Emily Christi Cabegin on Vietnam

11.40 am – 12.30 pm

General Discussion

12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Lunch
Lavender Room, Level 3

2.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Economic Impact on Receiving Countries (I)

Chair: Vikram Nehru

**Papers and presented by:
(20 mins each)**

The Absorption of Immigrants and its Effects on the Thai Wage Structure

Dilaka Lathapipat
Thailand Development Research Institute

Do Immigrants Improve Thailand's Competitiveness?

Piriya Pholphirul
World Bank

The Impact of Temporary Immigration of Unskilled Workers on Firm Performances: Evidences from the Korean Small-Medium Business Sector

Yongjin Nho
Seoul National University of Technology
and
Jai-Joon Hur
Korea Labor Institute

The Impact of Unskilled Migrant Workers on Labor Market Outcomes of the Natives in Korea

Yongjin Nho

Discussants (5 mins each)

Ahmad Ahsan on Thailand – Labor Market Paper

Tham Siew Yean on Thailand – Competitiveness Paper

Shandre Mugan Thangavelu on Korea – Firm Paper

Dilaka Lathapipat on Korea – Labor Market Impact Paper

4.10 pm – 5.00 pm

General Discussion

5.00 pm – 5.15 pm

Coffee Break

5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

Regional Migration Flows and Forces

Chair: Richard H Adams, Jr

**Papers and presented by:
(20 mins each)**

Migration and Growth in East Asia and the Pacific

Terrie Walmsley
Purdue University

Discussant (5 mins each)

Chia Siow Yue
Singapore Institute of International Affairs

5.40 pm – 6.15 pm

General Discussion

7.00 pm

Welcome Dinner
Lavender Room, Level 3

Day 2

9.00 am – 11.00 am

Economic Impact on Receiving Countries (II)

Chair: Vikram Nehru

**Papers and presented by:
(20 mins each)**

Impact of Foreign Labor on Average Labor Productivity in Malaysian Manufacturing, 2000-2006

Tham Siew Yean
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
and
Liew Chei Siang
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Economic Impact of Migrant Labor in Malaysia: A General Equilibrium Analysis

Vijayakumari Kanapathy
Malaysia

Impact of Migration on Singapore's Economy

Shandre Mugan Thangavelu
National University of Singapore

Discussants (5 mins each)

Terrie Walmsley on Malaysia – Firm Paper

Jai-Joon Hur on Malaysia – CGE Paper

Yukon Huang on Singapore

10.15 am – 11.00 am

General Discussion

11.00 am – 11.15 am

Coffee Break

11.15 am – 1.15 pm

Institutional and Governance Framework (Sending Countries)

**Chair: Yukon Huang
World Bank**

**Papers and presented by:
(20 mins each)**

Indonesia's Regulatory, Institutional and Governance Structure of the Indonesian Cross Border Labor Migration

Ifa Isfandiarni Soenarto
University of Indonesia

Vietnam's Regulatory, Institutional and Governance Structure for Cross-Border Labor Migration

Daniel Mont

and
Nguyen Huyen Le
Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs, Vietnam

The Labor Migration Industry for Health and Educational Services: Regulatory and Governance Structures and Implications for National Development

Tereso S Tullao, Jr
De La Salle University, Philippines

Discussants (5 mins each)

Nguyen Huyen Le on Indonesia

Ifa Isfandiarni Soenarto on Vietnam

Fabio Baggio on Philippines

12.30 pm – 1.15 pm

General Discussion

1.15 pm – 2.45 pm

Lunch
Lavender Room, Level 3

2.45 pm – 5.15 pm

Institutional and Governance Framework (Receiving Countries)

Chair: Fabio Baggio
Scalabrini Migration Center

Papers and presented by:
(20 mins each)

Institutions and Governance Regime: Managing Foreign Workers in Malaysia

Azizah Binti Kassim
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
and

Terence Too Yang-Yau
Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia

The Economics and Governance of Korea's Migrant Worker Policy

Jai-Joon Hur

A Cost Benefit of the Migration Status of Migrants

Charamporn Holomyong
Mahidol University, Thailand

Singapore's System for Managing Foreign Workers

Yap Mui Teng
Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore

Discussants (5 mins each)

Yap Mui Teng on Malaysia

Daniel Mont on Korea

Tereso S Tullao, Jr on Thailand

Vijayakumari Kanapathy on Singapore

4.25 pm – 5.15 pm	General Discussion
5.15 pm – 5.30 pm	Coffee Break
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Closing Session – What have we learnt and next steps followed by Closing Remarks by Ong Keng Yong Institute of Policy Studies
6.00 pm	End of Conference