

Transnational Migration in Contemporary Society From the perspective of locally hired Japanese in Bangkok, Thailand

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ABSTRACTS

This article examines transnational migration of locally hired Japanese employee in Bangkok, Thailand. This article involves unstructured interview of five 20s and 30s Japanese working at Bangkok.

Migration in this paper focuses on the group who voluntarily moves with the motivation based on their own interest and willing. The group is clearly different from migrants who are forced to move due to economical poverty or dispute.

In this, two types of migration in terms of their migration process are found through the research. The research found the difference in interviewee's travel experience in Thailand. This experience leads an insistence on the place. In fact, one of the types of migration has strong insistence to live Thailand or Bangkok. For them, having job in Bangkok realizes their will to live in Thailand. As for the other type of migration, they don't have strong insistence to Bangkok and Thailand. Travel experience doesn't affect their migration process to Thailand directly. As it were, they work in Bangkok to achieve their international career. And, working in Bangkok is anything more than one point and choice in their career.

Thus, it can be said that Bangkok is not only the place for leisure but also the place for work under globalization.