

# INFORMAL ECONOMY: ILLEGAL MIGRANT LABOUR IN THAILAND

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## ABSTRACT

This research estimates the important points of a closest number on illegal migrant workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia both registered with the Illegal Migrant Registration Policy and un-registered during 2001-2003. It also assesses the currency of both registration fees and black currency of informal economically earner of this business during those period. The method of this research is to use an indirect approach to estimate the closest number and amount of currency among these illegal migrant workers. The analysis is based on the data derived from an in-depth interview, database of the Illegal Migrant Registration within 2001- 2003 and the secondary data from various sources. Findings show an estimation of the closest number on illegal migrant workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia both registered and unregistered in Thailand in 2001 was 1,352,044 and in 2002-2003 was 1,826,842. The amount of black currency earns this business that being spent in 2001 should have been 12,168,396,000 Baht and in 2002 should have been 16,441,578,000 Baht.