

Workshop Shedules

Workshop on Analyzing Linkages between Migrant Workers, Commodity Chains and Regional Development in Mae Sot

7th July 2007

Objective of the Workshop

To discuss and share information to understand the linkages between migrant workers, government policies, production strategy of global companies, and the gendered environment that workers are in, in Thailand and in Burma. It also considered the specific reality of workers and industries based in Mae Sot, and the place of the Mae Sot factories in global supply chains. Based on the discussion, the workshop further explores the possibilities of joint actions to improve the situation of migrant workers. This workshop is aimed to be a forum for NGOs and groups working with migrant workers in Mae Sot.

Specifically,

- To share and discuss Thai government policies on migrant workers, and its regional development plan.
- To share and explore what are the implications of these policies and plans for the lives of women and men Burmese workers in Mae Sot.
- To understand what is commodity chain, and the relevance of the analytical tool to situation in Mae Sot.
- To share and discuss possible joint actions in the future.

Program (working language: English, Burmese, and Thai)

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Breakfast

Morning Session: Facilitator: *Kyoko Kusakabe*
Tam Krongkwan Taitongyoo

09:00 – 09:45 Introduction

- Objective of the workshop
- Objective of the project
- Self-introduction (name, organization, expectations for the workshop)

09:45 – 10:15	Issues for women workers in the factories and communities (Plenary discussion)
10:15 – 10:35	Break
10:35 – 11:00	Short presentations on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Border development “Factories in Mae Sot and border development plans” ▪ Government policy on migrant workers “Managing Burmese migrant workers: Questions to assimilation and citizenship policy in Thailand”
11:00 – 12:00	Plenary discussion
12:00 – 01:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session:	Facilitator: <i>Ruth Pearson</i>
01:00 – 01:40	Commodity Chains in the Global Economy: Growth, changes and dynamics in different sectors
01:40 – 02:10	Commodity Chains in production in Mae Sot
02:10 – 02:30	Break
02:30 – 03:00	Identifying commodity chains “Where there is no label”
03:00 – 03:30	Involving the workforce: Steps towards empowerment and organization
03:30 – 04:50	Exercise and discussion