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**Regional Economic Integration and the Politics of Care:
JPEPA (Japan-Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement) and Migrant
Caregivers**

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Abstract

Since the beginning of the 21st century, regional economic integration, led by the principal of the free trade, has been actively developed in the Asian region. In case of Japan, bilateral economic partnership agreement (EPA) with the countries in South East Asia is strategically important. In this context, mobility of the people, or, the “movement of natural person,” has been highly paid attention in Japan, particularly for its first official opening the gate for migrant caregivers and nurses, under the EPA with Indonesia and the Philippines, which are significant migrant sending countries in the region. In this paper, it would be discussed the way migrant care workers has been positioned in the EPA debate as well as the politics of “care “ for both migrant sending and receiving society.
