

Cause, Hardship and Gender of Working Abroad: Case Study of Female Indonesian migrant Worker in Taiwan

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ABSTRACT

The population of migrant workers grew up in Taiwan in half of decades because of demand in human resources market, the strong and weak ties would affect the population movement. The major home caring migrant workers in Taiwan are the female Indonesian. Reasons for the migrant came to work in Taiwan and the hardship they faced are various. By taking in-depth interview in Hsinchu and Kaohsiung, this research collected first-hand data and used to explain the life of female Indonesian migrant workers in Taiwan. This is a worth discussing issue in sociology and migration field. This research aimed to understand the working situation and life of the Indonesian female migrant workers or spouses. The major findings included employment difficulties in Indonesia, intermediary fees, and salary. Moreover, the major findings of hardship divided into workplace and life. The hardship in workplace included language, physiological, gender and unfair treatment problems. The hardship in life include racial discrimination, religious, and diet problems.

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