

1. The Trafficking in Persons and Migration Situation in Lao PDR

- Lao PDR is located in the GMS region and shares borders with five countries.
- The total area is 236.800 km² with population of 6.2 millions people.
- According to the UNICEF survey from 2001 to 2009, Laos is a country having a lot of people working abroad, and some of them are victims of TIP.

1. The Migration Situation in Lao PDR

- Regional economic disparities push people to look for better livelihood opportunities.
- Lao PDR shares a long border with Thailand. The two countries also have similar languages and cultures.
- There is a lack of information concerning legal migration channels.
- Obtaining the papers necessary for legal migration is time-consuming and expensive.

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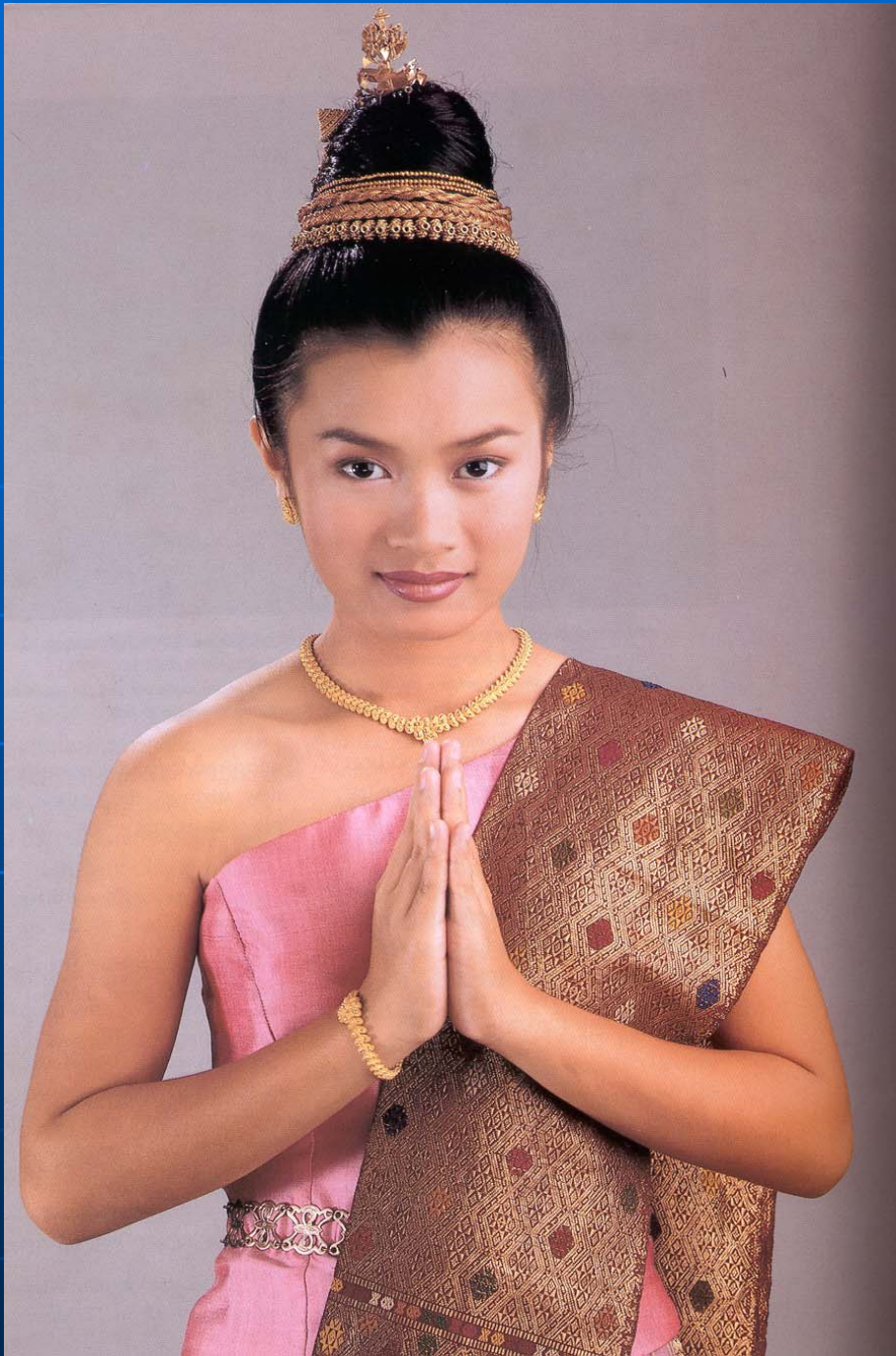
- According to survey of MLSW and ILO in 3 Central and Southern Provinces, there are 69.000 migrant workers – 74,1% are between 18-35 years of age and 25,9% are under 18.
- 2004, there are 181.614 illegal workers in Thailand (children about 100.000)
- 2007, there are 200.000 workers in Thailand and only about 26% have been registered.

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- About 83 Lao people working outside the country. 82,764 are working in Thailand. 8,764 of the Laos working in Thailand obtained employment through a recruitment agency.
 - 60,000 Lao workers have been proved to be Lao through nationality verification process.
 - More than 14,000 workers have not yet been proved nationality.

2. The Human Trafficking Situation in Lao PDR

- Laos is, mostly, a country of origin.
- There is a high risk of human trafficking due to high levels of migration.
- In the period 2001 – 2008 there were 1,592 people repatriated to Lao PDR from Thailand through the human trafficking MOU. 1,172 of this total were female and 65% of the total were children under the age of 18.



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