



A STUDY OF THE ILLEGAL MIGRANT WORKERS IN
MALAYSIA: ARE MORE STRINGENT MEASURES
NEEDED?

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ABSTRACT

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We had chosen a topic called; “ *A Study of the Illegal Migrant Workers in Malaysia: Are More Stringent Measures Needed?*”

The purpose of this report is to identify the weaknesses of the law and the enforcement in combating the illegal entry. Other than that, this report also hopes to determine whether the present Act can deter illegal entry into Malaysia.

A report of the findings is to be submitted by 26 October 2005.

We hereby submit the report on the above matter together with recommendations

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

1.1.1 International Labour Migration

The World War II had affected the social, economic and political changes worldwide. Geopolitically, the world has seen a complete turnaround in the form of end of cold war, breakdown of the Soviet Union and communism as a major force and ideology- all replaced by more plural, open and democratic system. Economically, state control gave way to liberal, deregulated, private sector and market economies. The society also saw the end of Apartheid, first the uncontrolled spread of and then the beginning of the solution to the deadly AIDS disease, outbreak of ethnic wars in Sri Lanka, Bosnia and central Africa with the United Nations and world community playing an increasingly active mediating and problem solving role¹.

¹ *Research Project Immigration Administration in Malaysia*, A report by Immigration Department of Malaysia, (1999), 1.