

# Thainess” of Thai migrant workers in small dried fish factory in Langkawi Island, Malaysia

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## 1. Aim

This paper examine modification and creation the Thainess of people from the southern border provinces who migrate to work in small dried fish factory in Langkawi Island, Kedah State, Malaysia.

## 2. Data & Methods

For this purpose, methodology used in this study is the semi-structured interview. Data were collected by interviewing migrants in destination areas in Langkawi Island, Kedah state, Malaysia. These migrants came from the southern border provinces of Thailand, namely Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Satun.

## 3. Results

We found that “Thainess” that migrant workers preserved and some of them were created in the migration context helped maintain cross border migration between Thailand and Malaysia.

## 4. Conclusion

From these finds, “Thainess” of Thai migrants who worked in small dried fish factory have contributed to expand and sustain migration of people from southern border provinces of Thailand to Malaysia.

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