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GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION
AGAINST RACISM
AND FOR THE RIGHTS
OF MIGRANTS
REFUGEES AND
DISPLACED PEOPLE



Mekong Migration Network (MMN)



DECEMBER 18 ACTIVITIES – MEKONG MIGRATION NETWORK

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The Mekong Migration Network (MMN) is a sub-regional network of migrant grassroots organisations, support NGOs, research institutes and mass organisations who are committed to promoting and protecting rights of all migrants in the Greater Mekong Subregion.

On 18 December 2012, to mark International Migrants Day, the **Mekong Migration Network** will launch a new website covering issues of Arrest, Detention and Deportation (ADD) of migrants in the Greater Mekong Subregion. The website provides alerts about the most recent facts and figures surrounding the deportation of migrants in the region, as well as interim research findings, news and resources relating to ADD, with the aim of strengthening advocacy efforts on these issues. The launch in Thailand will take place in a forum jointly organised with MAP Foundation in Chiang Mai. MMN will also launch the ADD website in Burma as a part of a film launch in Yangon organised by the Foundation for Education and Development (see below).

Mekong Migration Network member organisations will be marking the global day of action with their own activities:

On 16 December, network member **Friends of Women Foundation**, Thailand, coordinating with the other migrant organisations, including Action Network for Migrants (ANM), Migrant Working Group, Raks Thai Foundation, MAP Foundation, ADRA, and Thai trade unions, will be marching in Bangkok in honour of International Migrants Day, from Democracy Monument to the 14 October 1973 Memorial Building. A press conference will be held at 9am, followed by the march. After the march, the Thai Deputy Minister of Labour will give a speech, followed by presentations about social security and migrant issues by worker representatives from Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand; and there will also be cultural activities including songs for human rights, and performances by Burmese ethnic groups.

On 18 December, **MAP Foundation**, Thailand, will launch its 'REGULARRIGHTS' paper which compares and analyses the benefits and drawbacks of three different migration statuses in Thailand, namely being undocumented, being registered with a migrant workers card and holding a Temporary Passport through the nationality verification process. The paper draws on information supplied by over 500 migrants who shared their experiences.

Also on the 18th, the **Foundation for Education and Development (FED)**, Thailand and Burma, will be holding two activities:

- Public Forum at the Phang Nga Community Centre in Southern Thailand, to talk about recent Thai Law on migration and rights of migrant workers in Phang Nga, with guest speakers from different government departments and the opportunity for migrants to raise questions and make demands;
- Film Launch in Yangon, Burma, entitled "Migrant education and the general situation in Thailand" in order to bring government attention to migrant issues and promote and protect the rights of migrant workers.

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