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Preface

This sixth volume of the Asian Migrant Yearbook (AMY) is co-published by the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA) and Asian Migrant Centre (AMC). The MFA is an Asian regional migrants' rights advocacy network with over 250 member organizations in 13 countries in Asia. AMC is a regional research, monitoring and training center on Asian labor migration. The AMY Committee of MFA, which was formed in July 2004, together with AMC discussed and planned contents of this AMY, while respective contributors wrote their own country reports. Once the reports were submitted to AMC, AMC edited the reports while the AMY Committee provided feedback on the draft reports.

This volume of AMY covers from the beginning of 2003 to mid-2004. AMY 2004 includes the following sections:

1. Table of ratification (by country) of international (UN and ILO) human rights instruments relevant to migrant workers;
2. Thematic reports - including a regional overview of migration issues, international initiatives, and reports on trafficking, gender, other issues pertaining to migrant workers in Asia;
3. Country statistics - including migration, labor and annual socio-economic data for each country;
4. Country reports (19 Countries/territories plus GCC countries);
5. List of recently published resource materials, and directory of organizations and contributors.

This volume of AMY includes seven thematic reports. When AMY Committee met in July 2004, it agreed that it is important to have thematic reports in all future AMYs, in order to continuously deepen analysis on key thematic issues. Some of the key themes that the Committee identified as important are: gender, trafficking, and migrants' rights violations. It also includes a report on migrants' opposition to the WTO and neo-liberal agendas, which have been increasingly identified as the cause of push factors relating to migration.

As in the past, each country report has three major parts: political and economic update, migration update and responses. A number of the country reports were contributed by MFA members and partner organizations. Many of these organizations have been working on migration issues for many years through advocacy, emergency relief, organizing, training, and similar activities, thus their information, perspectives and analysis are supported by or rooted from their experiences and knowledge gained in their day-to-day work.

AMY Committee and AMC will conduct a thorough assessment of this volume of AMY as well as planning of future volumes shortly after publishing this book. ❖

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