

Youths Intension towards Migration

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Migration can be identified as movement of people from their roots to other surroundings, whether inside or outside of the country. While migration is a normal element, the scale of movement experienced in some developing countries can produce undesirable or desirable effect for the whole society. Moreover, youth's intention towards migration is also very important to manage the youth migration and human capital available to the local labor market in Sri Lanka. However, there is no research carried out regarding the youth's intension towards the migration. Therefore, this research examines the youth's intension towards the international migration. Youth sample was selected through snow ball technique from the youth of 18 to 29 age categories of three selected Divisional Secretariat divisions of Ampara district in Eastern province of Sri Lanka, who have an idea to migrate. The questionnaires were answered directly by the youth and the total of 151 questionnaires was analyzed using descriptive techniques. The results reveal that individual's gender have some influence on their intention to migrate, while the occupation and their income level also have influence on migration intension. Gender has some influence on individual's migrate age. The occupation and their income level have influence on their intension towards the migration. There are relationships between the gender and the education qualification with the country those who willing to migrate. The education qualification has some influence on the expecting income. Considering the intention, most of the respondents have an idea in the developing stage of migration process and male shows highest intention than female in most of the choices, because the social and economic factors influence on male individuals towards the migration.

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