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About Chiang Mai & Thailand

- Chiang Mai is the second largest city is located in northern Thailand.
- It is the second largest city in the country.
- Thailand has a wide variety of landscapes including mountains, islands, and urban areas.



Projects/What we did

- **The Roles of Country of Origin Project** focuses on the role origin countries play in protecting their nationals working abroad in what is known as the Greater Mekong Sub region.
- **Social Economic Zones (SEZ) & Garment Industry Research Project** compares aspects of work in and outside of SEZs across 3 countries in Southeast Asia.

Haila

- Collected research on Laos as it is being newly added to the study.
- Researched and collected information on migration mechanisms in Laos, with a focus on Lao Migrant workers to Thailand.
- Learned a lot about the policies and laws in relation to labor migration from Laos to destination countries.

Amber

- Used SPSS to analyze data collected in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Data collected focused on demographic information as well as aspects of work.
- Summarized data collected in Yangon, Mae Sot, and Phnom Penh into document for project partners.
- Presented findings in small meeting with other project partners at the end of the internship.



MMN General Conference Group Photo



Conferences/What we did

As Interns, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend two conferences.

- There was a total of three interns at the MMN Secretariat Office: two from IWU, one from Yale.
- As interns, we were in charge of documentation, photography, and technical support.
- Through these conferences, we also had the opportunity to meet MMN's project partners whom came from around the world.

Roles of Country of Origin Project Consultation Meeting

- Consultation meeting to start the second phase of the project.
- Project partners came together to update each other on the current situation on their respected countries.

MMN General Conference

- Meeting recognized present members of MMN.
- Voted to approve a new organization as an official member of MMN.
- Discussed past, present, and future project plans.
- Came up with different capacity building and advocacy strategies by identifying key issues and the results MMN wants to achieve.
- Had a photo exhibit set up with a variety of pictures of migrant workers in different settings, industries, and countries.
- The countries represented by leaders from MMN member organizations at the General Conference were from Thailand, Cambodia, China, Vietnam, and Myanmar.

Travels and Fun



About Mekong Migration Network

- Mission: Recognize, Respect and Promote the Human Rights of All Migrants in Mekong.
- MMN is an NGO that does advocacy and research work towards the protection of migrant workers in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.
- The secretariat office currently has 3 ongoing projects: Roles of Countries of Origin Project, SEZs & Garment Industry Research Project, Fishing & Agriculture Industry Project

