

International Marriage and Female Migration: Prospects and Threats for Mainland China

Abstract

In the process of rapid globalization and transformation international marriage relates to migration has turned into a major concern for the social scientists including sociologists and demographers whether this event is occurring in an accelerate rate with strong impacts having various dimensions in Asian regions in present century. In particular some evidences in relates to the women involved has been an issue of concern. Mainland China, Cross-Straights Taiwan; Vietnam, Japan and South Korea are contributing to make a social bridge by approving this pattern of marriage with each other whether the consequences are significant with prospects and threats in natural social settings. No doubt cross cultural marriages increasingly accepted in Mainland China while their divorcee rate is also increasing significantly. It should be pointed out that there is an imbalanced population structure in Japan between men and women looking for marriage which can be a reason for the increase in international marriages. Taiwan has also experienced dramatic changes in international marriage behavior relates to migration. Internationally married couples in the Korean farm regions are also increasing rapidly. Chinese female brides are the most preferable in these three places due to marriage behavior. Already few social scientists have predicted, China will soon find itself with a marriage-age population remarkably out of balance as there is a significant gap in the sex ratio currently which may occur strong impact in the society. A marriage squeeze can operate as a 'pull' factor to marriage migrants as well as an excess of one gender can also provide potential for a 'push' of emigration and that is reflected in context of Vietnam and Taiwan territory. In this respect this paper will seek to explore international marriage relates to Chinese female migration where the migrants are more vulnerable through descriptive analysis referring few evidences among above mentioned countries and make an attempt to search for possible threats and impacts in Mainland China for taking appropriate measures.

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