

China's Regional Labour Migration: Economic and Social Consequences

中国における労働人口の移動が経済および社会にあたえる影響

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China's interregional labour mobility has increased tremendously in the past two decades. Migration generally improves efficiency of interregional resource allocation and enhances the welfare of the residents in both source and host regions. Meanwhile, migration redistributes the "demographic dividends" across regions when it restructures regional demographics. In particular, various institutional barriers have kept rural workers as temporary residents in urban areas, leaving behind their dependents in their hometown. This migration pattern has skewed the benefits of labour mobility more in favour of rich regions. For poor regions with significant net outward migrations, a major challenge is to maximise the benefits of labour mobility and limit its negative social-economic consequences.

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