The Thai Government’s plan on
Study on Portability of Social Security for Migrant Workers across ASEAN Member States

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Outline

1. The SSO: policy and reforms
2. Published work related to the topic
3. The Study
1. The SSO: policy and reforms

Equal protection for all – coverage and benefits

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Social Security Act 2015, No.4
Old-age benefit

lump-sum payment for the insured person,

1) who is non-Thai;

2) who is departing from Thailand; and

3) whose home country has concluded an agreement with Thailand.
2. Selected work related to the topic

- The state of social protection in ASEAN at the dawn of integration
  – Cheng Boon Ong and Céline Peyron Bista (2015)

- Strengthening social protection for ASEAN migrant workers through social security agreements

- Portability Regimes of Pension and Health Care Benefits for International Migrants: An analysis of Issues and Good Practices
  – Robert Holzmann, Johannes Koettl and Taras Chernetsky (2005)

- Portability of benefit rights in response to external and internal labor mobility: The Philippine experience
2. Selected work related to the topic (cont.)

Edward Tamagno,

*Strengthening Social Protection for ASEAN Migrant Workers through Social Security Agreements*,

2008,

p. 53.
2. Selected work related to the topic (cont.)

Challenges

1) Coordination of different social security schemes

2) Administrative capacity
3. The Study

3.1 Preliminary issues

1) Purpose

2) Technical guidance
3. The Study (cont.)

3.1 Preliminary issues

1) Purpose:

   to determine the practical feasibility of the transfer approach

   to explore avenues for possible bilateral social security agreements

   to provide a policy recommendation
3. The Study (cont.)

3.1 Preliminary issues

2) Technical guidance:

*Definition* of “portability”

*Degree* of “portability”
3. The Study (cont.)

3.2 Planning & timeline

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3. The Study (cont.)

3.3 Structure

1) Introduction

2) Overview of ASEAN Social Security

3) Feasibility of Portability
   - comparative study: European model
   - portability at present
   - propositions/recommendations
     a. specific migration corridors
     b. region-wise

4) Conclusion
Conclusion

Question & answer

Remarks & recommendations