

## **MOL Holds Training to Prevent Human Trafficking**

Ministry of Labour has cooperated with communities on how to prevent fraudulent practices in luring workers to work in overseas. Vice Minister of Labour says urgent tasks which need to be solved now are how to cushion an impact from the increase of daily minimum wage, providing protection to labourers as well as to those working in overseas, increase labour skills, and protection expansion to workers outside the system. He stresses that migrant workers must register themselves within this March 16.

Mr. Anusorn Kraiwatnussorn, Vice Minister of Labour, gave his speech on urgent policies undertaken by Ministry of Labour, saying that training was conducted under a programme to prevent luring of workers to work in overseas. Jointly organised by Ministry of Labour' agencies in area 1, including employment office, labour protection and welfare bureau, and social security office in Bangkok at the Nuvo City Banglampoo Hotel, the participants were told that a joint cooperation was made to prevent luring of people to work in abroad and an urgent tasks undertaken by the ministry now are measures to cushion impact from the hike of daily minimum wage, boost in efficiency of small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) operators, management to ensure that workers are well protected under the labour law, development of labour relations, provide protection to workers outside the system, increase labour skill, management of migrant workers, prevention of human trafficking. Community leaders were asked to help publicised that employers who have illegally hired Myanmar, Lao and Cambodian workers must bring them for registration before this March 16.

Mr. Anusorn said people who closely follow information and have language experiences would have a better opportunity in being employed nowadays. For those who are interested in studying foreign languages which would be beneficial after Thailand opens the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 could apply at the Department of Skill Development. Also, agencies including those providing domestic and oversea employment, worker clinic and at booths which provide insurance services provide the similar services to trainees.