

# Underlying Factors in International Labour Migration in Asia: Population, Employment and Productivity Trends

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