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## **Migration and Adaptation : Patterns of Social Adjustment Among Indonesian Domestic**

Indonesian workers migration to Malaysia is not a new story in Southeast Asia migration history. This study focuses on ethnic relations by examining how live-in Indonesian domestic workers who migrate to Malaysia socially adapt in the homes of their employers as they are in a new situation and experiencing new cultural space. In the context of Malaysian homes, Malaysian employers and Indonesian domestic workers are human beings who come not only from two different countries but from various backgrounds who may be the same or may be different in terms of ethnicity, religion, language, education, culture, family and others. Each of them comes with their own culture and identity that is learned and formed since their childhood. Therefore, this research attempts to explore and discuss about the patterns of social adjustment found among Indonesian domestic workers as the process of adaptation between them and their employers occurs continuously across ethnicities, religions, cultures and languages through daily interactions with each other. To understand the social adjustment process, the study was conducted among Indonesian domestic workers employed in the homes of middle classes employers from three major ethnic groups (Malay, Chinese, Indian) in Mukim Klang, Selangor. A four-month period of fieldwork was conducted in the study area for data collection using in-depth interview via structured questionnaire and participant observation specifically focusing on the aspects of domestic chores and leisure activities of employers and domestic workers. The convenient sampling with snowball sampling techniques was applied for data collection based on predetermined criteria. A total of 15 paired respondents (employers and Indonesian domestic workers) were selected. The study specifically examines how ethnic, cultural and religious differences of Malaysian employers and the Indonesian domestic workers impact their relationships within the households. Findings indicate that generally Indonesian domestic workers in middle classes homes are able to form and maintain harmonious relationships with their employers by making social adjustments especially via accommodation and integration for survival in a foreign land.

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