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Temporary Migration in Lhasa in 2005: Characteristics and Structures

In 1999 the Chinese government launched a national strategy of developing the “West.” Spurred by perceptions of uneven development, the Government sought a more balanced investment strategy. This strategy seeks to promote development in the “West” through investment and huge infrastructure projects. An important impact of this strategy has been internal migration and competition between local laborers and in-migrants. The Tibet Autonomous Region has seen a large number of temporary migrants moving in. This presentation reports the results of a survey focusing on temporary migration conducted in Lhasa City in 2005, covering 1470 migrants. Based on the information obtained from this survey, the basic characteristics of this migration are detailed and a comparison can be made with temporary migration in other Chinese cities.

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