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## The Asia Pacific Migration Research Network (APMRN)

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In 1995 a number of Asia Pacific scholars moved to form the Asia Pacific Migration Research Network (APMRN) in partnership with the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme of UNESCO. The organisation was initially confined to East Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific but in 2001 it expanded to include countries of South Asia.

It is a collaborative organisation of academics, non-government organisations and policy makers interested in all aspects of migration. Each regional network of the APMRN is autonomous and networks exist in Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the Pacific (based in Fiji), Thailand and Vietnam. Taiwan is an unofficial member of the APMRN.

The main concerns of the APMRN are twofold:

1. to increase awareness of the long-term effects of migration and ethno-cultural diversity as factors in social transformation; and
2. to contribute to strategies to develop effective policy responses to alleviate negative effects of migration.

The APMRN does not collect primary data but encourages empirical research and the collation of existing data sets. The APMRN works mostly with researchers rather than government officials so it has had little impact on official data collection systems.

The major sources of data in the region are:

### **a. Individual and family data in Australia**

Australia reports the arrival of long-term immigrants, short-term immigrants, Australian residents returning after short-term residence abroad for work as well as several categories of visitors arriving and data on long-term emigrants, short-term emigrants, persons departing for types of visits abroad, and non-residents leaving after short-term residence in Australia for work;

Indonesia reports data on long-term immigrants and short-term immigrants and long-term emigrants departing;

The Republic of Korea reports data on long-term immigrants, short-term immigrants, several categories of visitors, Korean residents returning from work abroad and data on

