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This collection of papers from the First National Convention of the Philippine Migration Research Network (PMRN) is the second publication being issued by the network. Titled *Philippine Migration Studies: An Annotated Bibliography* and compiled by Aurora E. Perez and Perla C. Patacsil, PMRN's first publication contains the abstracts of some 373 earlier studies on Philippine migration further classified by their major topic area and specific focus. The volume was prepared to increase the awareness of researchers, policy-makers, development workers and concerned individuals on the range and scope of the available literature on migration in the Philippines.

Edited by Benjamin V. Cariño, PMRN Chair, the papers contained in the current volume examine historical trends and patterns in the country's overseas labor movements and the policies and programs which have been adopted with the intention of influencing transnational labor flows in ways that would be beneficial to the Philippines and its overseas contract workers. The papers indicate the limits of some existing policy measures and point to the necessity of certain structural changes to contain or mitigate the adverse impact of the temporary employment of Filipino workers abroad. Also appended to this volume is Republic Act 8042, otherwise known as The Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995. It is hoped that this volume will help inform continuing deliberations on Philippine labor migration policies.

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