# Jobs in SEZs: the Quality of Life of Women Migrant Workers

#### Major concerns from the report

- Most not receive the minimum wage
- Unequal pay between men and women (but little difference- THB 174.7 vs 173.7 daily rate)
- Not receive overtime wage / paid leave /
- Bind to security deposit in the form of free labour
- No employment contract

#### Crucial players/mechanisms

Legal mechanisms

 Labour protection law – rights to appeal to local labour inspectors.



- Nodes/Helping hands of negotiation and empowerment.

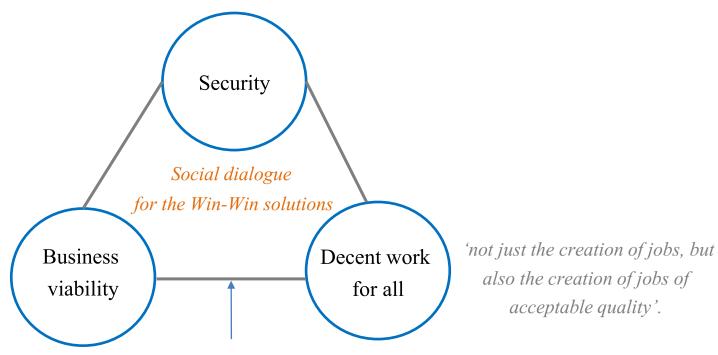


- Why don't they utilize the mechanisms?
- Means of negotiation boss, collective action (90% success), help from the union, NGOs (p.70)

## To make comparison/linking some information may make the case more insightful

- The one successfully negotiate / get upto the minimum wage
  - what kinds of documents they hold (21 people have no documents)?
  - do they have the employment contract?
- Why some women get higher, but some get lower? (p.67).
- Capacity to enforce the laws (not enough inspectors / need more proactive assisted system)
- Is it the only case specifically to migrants, or Thai also? (Is it an embedded structural factors?)
- Network of information

### Comprehensive issues should be taken into account



- Network of information among migrants.
- Pressure from buyers (if they know an unfair treatment).