The foreign welfare worker policy in Taiwan:

Review and Amendment

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Since Taiwan's government allows the importation of foreign welfare workers, there have been a lot of controversies on the policies and legislations. Along with population aging and family care function declining, the dependence on foreign home care helpers is increasing dramatically in Taiwan. In addition, owing to women's participation in labor force, more and more families request the government release the restrictions on hiring foreign domestic servants. On the other hand, to promote the National Long-term Care System and protect the working right of domestic care helpers, some NGOs and scholars oppose to these requests and ask the government reduce the number of foreign welfare workers. In such atmosphere of extreme opposition, how to adjust the policy of foreign welfare worker has become an important and difficult task of Taiwan's government. Hence, the purpose of this project is to analyze the trends of the demand and supply of domestic care helpers and domestic servants in Taiwan. Base on the analysis, this project will furthermore investigate the current policies of foreign welfare workers, and some adjustment suggestions will be proposed.