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The Anti-Trafficking working group of JPIC - USG/UISG presents the **fourth** in a series of short, up-to-date information on Human Trafficking. This resource is useful for information, for training, and can be used together with the [Trafficking in Women and Children Information and Workshop Kit](#).

The Alarming Situation of Trafficking in humans in Asia and Pacific Region: Will victims ever gain their freedom?

It is unbelievable of the number of persons that are trafficked in less than a year. It is estimated that 1.36 million people are being trafficked in Asia-Pacific in a twinkle of an eye for all kinds of purposes including marriage, debt payment etc. Of the estimated US\$9.7 billion annual profits made from the exploitation of all trafficked forced labor, 30.6% is generated in Asia and the Pacific. The scope and the extent of human trafficking is so huge. Unfortunately the laws in most of the Asia and the Pacific countries are not yet inclusive of migrants labor issues and governments are incapable of enforcement them on their own. This reality is an open door to trafficking in person these regions. The situation is such that the UN agencies and law enforcement organizations are no longer able to address the magnitude of this crime. Therefore, the Private sector is being called upon to play their role. It was for that the ***“ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SMART BUSINESS” EHTN-ESCAP: Luncheon with the Business Community. Asia Pacific Business Forum*** meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 26th July 2011. *Read on:* www.endhumantraffickingnow.com/.../APBF_EH...

Trafficking in persons in East Asia has not been widely studied due to restrictive policies and self-interest countries. For instance, Japan has a large sex industry employing a significant number of non-Japanese women. It is estimate, as many as 100,000 foreign women are trafficked to Japan every year (Women Overseas Workers Network, cited in IOM, 1997).¹² In addition there are approximately 200,000 illegal female migrants in Japan at any given time. *Read on:* www.hks.harvard.edu/.../Human%20Trafficking%... *Read on:* www.no-trafficking.org/china.html

About 12.3 million adults and children are in force labor, bonded labor and commercial sexual servitude at any given time and around 80% of transnational victims of human trafficking are women and girls. *Read on:* www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/.../Human%20Trafficki. *Read on:* www.globalfreedomcenter.org

Efforts are being made in some countries against trafficking in human beings but it is just a drop in the bucket. *Read on:* tuoitrenews.vn/.../human-trafficking-on-the-rise-in.