The diploma thesis of student Ismail Kurbanov “The role of migration in development of population structure in South Kazakhstan region” consists of 111 pages of text including 8 pages of appendixes. The text is organized in twelve numerated chapters including the introduction, conclusions, and untraditionally also reference and internet sources and the appendices. In addition there are the lists of tables and figures.

The goal of the diploma thesis has been to evaluate the role of migration in population development of the South Kazakhstan Region (oblast) and its subdivisions – rural and urban areas.

The work has well bounded logical structure; the first third of the text is devoted to the initial questions, the remaining two thirds to answering the research questions. In the introductory part, I. Kurbanov is defining the problem he is going to study, presenting the goal of his work and structure the problem through the correct specification of his research objectives and questions. This part of the thesis contains also the outline of basic terminology and literature, relatively extensive conceptual frameworks, an attempt for a critical discussion of the used data related questions and a methodological part. The core of the thesis starts with a standard introductory characteristic of the region in the 7th chapter and is represented namely by the 8th and 9th chapters dealing with description of population size and sex and age structure developments in the region and its subdivisions and with evaluation of the migration role in these developments respectively. The results of I. Kurbanov diploma research are summarized in the Conclusions.

Student Ismail Kurbanov worked on the diploma thesis independently with the use of relevant literature and official statistical data. His findings correspond with the data available. The interpretation of facts is realistic and conclusions logical. Gained knowledge is an important contribution to the cognition of population reproduction and its components in the region. In the same time it provides general idea about possible significance of migration in population reproduction, its dynamics and stability over time and that all in differentiation by sex and age.

The results of diploma research are properly presented. The ideas and fact are properly formulated; applied English is on a good level. Therefore the only imperfection in this respect is rather neglected formatting of the text. Some statements and other adopted information presented in the text would also need more intensive quotation support.

Referring to all the above mentioned facts, in sum, I recommend the diploma thesis of Mr. Ismail Kurbanov “The role of migration in development of population structure in South Kazakhstan region” for defense.

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