

# **The Indian Migration: A Survey On The Reasons, Motivations and Adjustments for Settlement In Metro Manila**

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## **Abstract**

This paper introduces the migration of Indians to the Philippines primarily in Metro Manila and looks closely on the primary reasons for migration here and the steps they applied to be able to adjust and adapt to life in Metro Manila in the years 1985 to present. This study conducted a questionnaire survey for the Indian worshippers in the Khalsa Diwan Indian Sikh Temple located at U.N. Avenue, Manila where most of the Indians congregate to worship. Results show that primary reasons for motivating Indians to migrate in Metro Manila are economic opportunities and trading even after 1985 but a new trend is revealed wherein Indians migrate in Metro Manila for educational opportunities. This study also shows that Manila has the highest number of Indians residential location compared to Pasay. The number of migrants in Metro Manila has never ceased to stop from the years 1985 to present. Results also show that the Indians adjust to their new surroundings by designing their houses similarly like in India. Furthermore, this study reveals that language is not really a barrier for communicating with Filipinos. Finally, results show that Paco, Manila has the highest number of response in terms of spatial manifestations on Indian influences in Metro Manila. Push and pull theories will be employed fully in this study.