



Of the 225.4 million migrant workers in China, 24 million returned to their home villages in 2008-9 when laid off from industrial and manufacturing jobs in the recession.

MIGRATION IN A RECESSION: RETURN MIGRATION IN CHINA

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Friday 7th May 2010 from 11:30 to 13:00. Inverness College UHI, 3 Longman Road, Inverness.

The event is free but places are limited

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This seminar will describe the flows of migrant labour in China in the context of modernization and examines the relations between urban (East) China and the rural (West) China. Assessment of the impact of return migration will be made through narratives and observations in a number of sample villages in different provinces of China. The impacts vary according to gender, household and village demographics, local and regional economies and location. There are many opportunities for rural development initiatives with return migrants in this context. The presentation will be illustrated with 'great' slides.

Professor Tony Fuller retired from the University of Guelph in Canada in 2007 after 35 years teaching and researching in rural development and planning. He is a geographer, undertook his doctoral research in Italy and directed a Kellogg Foundation sponsored outreach program in rural development for six years. In the late 1980's he was advisor to the Arkleton Trust project on Pluriactivity in European farm households. His current interests are Sustainable Livelihoods thinking in relation to complex dynamic systems.