
computers

Vernie Pescadero is a Philippino migrant who works for Compell, a leading computer manufacturer, in their Taiwan factory.

health & safety

Here we often have to work through the night with only one break of 45 minutes every eight hours – this is dangerous for our health. My eyesight has become very bad from too much close soldering of circuit boards without protection.

We've also heard rumours there are higher rates of cancer among computer factory workers – it's worrying.

job security

Most of us are young women employed through agencies. One of my friends works for an employer who has no permit to hire foreign workers – they told her she has to work every day and will be seized by the police if she goes out. We don't feel at all secure in our jobs

community benefits

All the jobs in our factory are highly sought-after - unemployment is very high. As our wages are not enough to cover food, clothing and rent, this has a knock-on effect on our communities.

environment

Plenty of toxic materials are used in making computers and even before they reach your desktop they'll have produced a lot of waste – just one of the circuit boards I make produces around 20 kilos of waste and most of it is classified as hazardous.

pay & conditions

As migrant workers our pay is very low. We get no paid holiday, no sick pay and no maternity benefits. At work we're often harassed & humiliated by our supervisors

unionisation

Although trade unions are recognised by the government, many employers don't care about labour regulations and have no idea how inhumane the working conditions are.

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