I am Ananya Boonchi, a second-year student from Puey Ungphakorn School of Development Studies, Thammasat University. As a development studies major, I learned about making our world fair for everyone. I am from Northeast Thailand (also known as Isan), where many people from my region often work abroad and use remittance to send money back home. They are part of global migration, and I see how they face many difficulties and risks, such as the risk of human trafficking, labour exploitation, besides unfair treatment.

Some great speakers have already talked about law and order, as well as the importance of trade unions. There is one more thing I am really into, which is this technology called Blockchain. Blockchain is used a lot in the finance and business sectors. For migration, it can protect migrants' information and ensure they are not mistreated.

Then, there is the ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan. It is a big deal for us students because it is like a roadmap for how we can use digital tools to improve things, including migration.

At Thammasat University, my lecturer discusses AI and its power to address social problems. We have yet to focus on migration, but I see so many opportunities for us as development studies majors to help through technology and migration.

Whether it's in Thailand or our neighbouring countries, we can work together with companies to develop new technologies for migrants, and this could change so much for them. And being a student means more than just learning in a classroom; we can collaborate with tech hubs to create solutions for migrants. This is where we use what we know to make a real difference.

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