

Result of the Questionnaire for JSPS Asian Science Seminar Participants

Seminar Title JSPS-KOSEF Asian Science Seminar:
High-impact Weather and Changing Climate

All Participants (21 from Japan and 42 from Korea) responded the Questionnaire immediately after the Seminar. Summaries of their replies are as follows.

(1) Organization of the seminar

Participants from Japan and from Korea evaluated “B⁺” and “B⁻” in average respectively. Participants from Japan stayed at the same hotel and had enough time after daily lecturers but those from Korea stayed separately and had some other works to do during the seminar. Many master course students participated in the seminar from Korea. This may have made post doctoral fellows from Korea difficult intensive discussion among participants.

(2) Lecture

Both participants from Japan and from Korea evaluated Lectures as “B” in average. The evaluations scattered from “A” to “D”; it may be because of insufficient matching of lecture topics and participants expectations.

3) Laboratory work

Many left the evaluation blank, as no laboratory works were arranged in this seminar. The average of the evaluations was “B⁺” and “B⁻” by participants from Japan and from Korea respectively. Those who responded this questionnaire may have counted daily group discussions after lectures as laboratory works.

(4) Discussion

The average of the evaluation was “B” by both participants from Japan and Korea. We need to note that a few evaluated enough length of discussion times but not usefulness in each participant’s research.

(5) Excursion

The average of the evaluation was “A” and “B” by participants from Japan and from Korea respectively. All of 21 participants from Japan joined the tour but about a half participants from Korea did not join it. For most of participants from Japan it was the first experience to see Korean rivers and the border. The tour was arranged to send participants from Japan to Airports directly from the tour. These may be related to high evaluation by participants from Japan.

(6) Lectures

The average of evaluations was “A” and “B” by participants from Japan and from Korea respectively. A few participants from Korea did not satisfy with communications with lectures because Korean lectures left the room just after the seminar. Korean post-doctoral fellows gave comments to improve the seminar in this point.

(7) Over all

The average of evaluations was “B⁺” and “B” by participants from Japan and from Korea respectively. One of the reasons of the difference is considered to be participation of master course students from Korea. Seminar level seemed to be too high for them.

On the other hand, participants from Japan could concentrate on the seminar because they prepared many before leaving Japan as they have no facility to printout documents in Korea.

They prepared posters and abstracts to apply for the seminar. The seminar received high evaluation in spite of the short announcement of the seminar and insufficient time for arrangement.