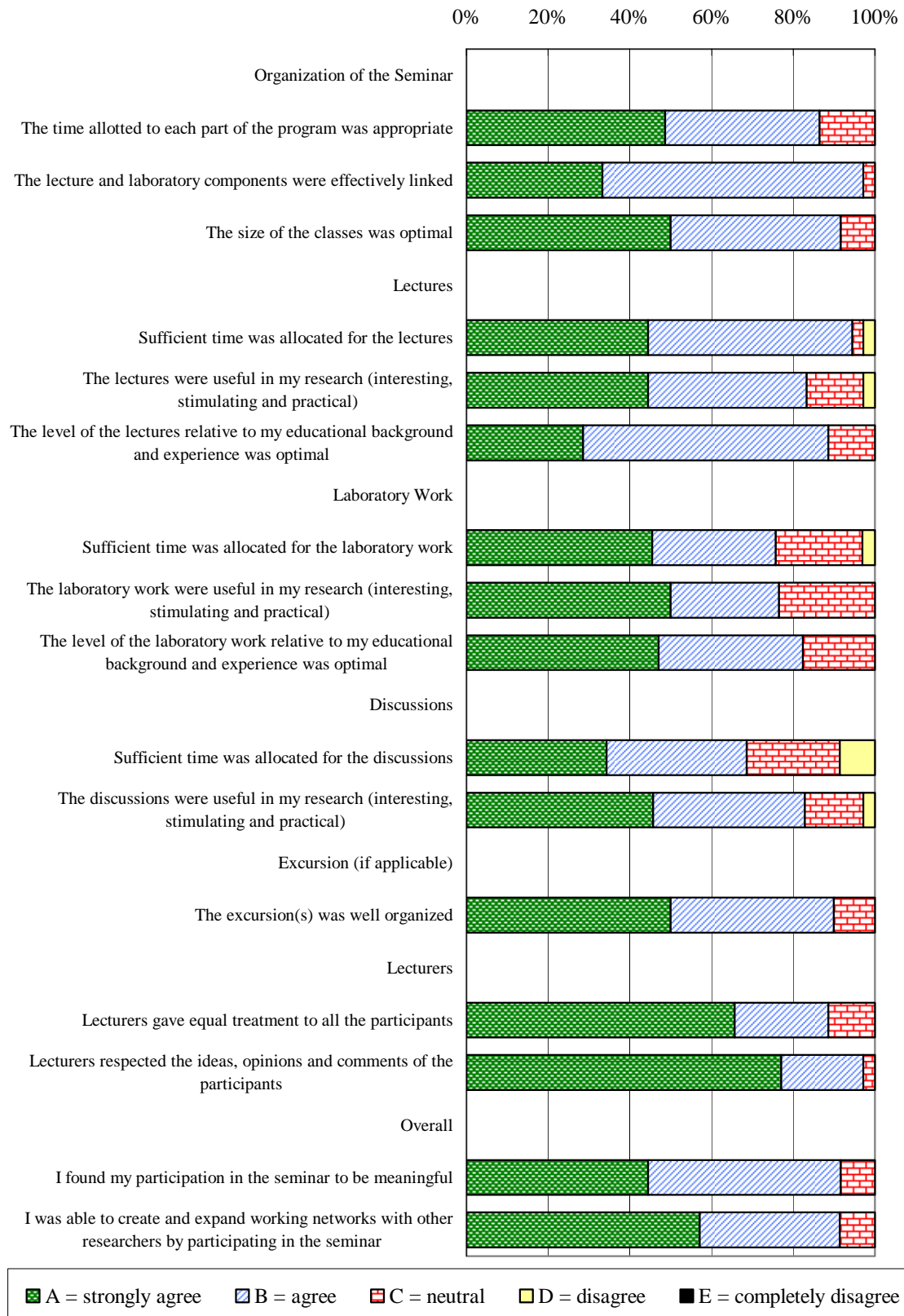


Result of the Questionnaire for JSPS Asian Science Seminar Participants

Seminar Title: JSPS Asian Science Seminar on Development Strategy for Sustainable Food System

Part1



(%)

	A = strongly agree	B = agree	C = neutral	D = disagree	E = completel y disagree
Organization of the Seminar					
The time allotted to each part of the program was appropriate	48.6	37.8	13.5	0.0	0.0
The lecture and laboratory components were effectively linked	33.3	63.9	2.8	0.0	0.0
The size of the classes was optimal	50.0	41.7	8.3	0.0	0.0
Lectures					
Sufficient time was allocated for the lectures	44.4	50.0	2.8	2.8	0.0
The lectures were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	44.4	38.9	13.9	2.8	0.0
The level of the lectures relative to my educational background and experience was optimal	28.6	60.0	11.4	0.0	0.0
Laboratory Work					
Sufficient time was allocated for the laboratory work	45.5	30.3	21.2	3.0	0.0
The laboratory work were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	50.0	26.5	23.5	0.0	0.0
The level of the laboratory work relative to my educational background and experience was optimal	47.1	35.3	17.6	0.0	0.0
Discussions					
Sufficient time was allocated for the discussions	34.3	34.3	22.9	8.6	0.0
The discussions were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	45.7	37.1	14.3	2.9	0.0
Excursion (if applicable)					
The excursion(s) was well organized	50.0	40.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
Lecturers					
Lecturers gave equal treatment to all the participants	65.7	22.9	11.4	0.0	0.0
Lecturers respected the ideas, opinions and comments of the participants	77.1	20.0	2.9	0.0	0.0
Overall					
I found my participation in the seminar to be meaningful	44.4	47.2	8.3	0.0	0.0
I was able to create and expand working networks with other researchers by participating in the seminar	57.1	34.3	8.6	0.0	0.0

Part 2

The following comments are excerpted from questionnaire answers.

The most successful aspect of this seminar was:

1. The seminar included my country. My concerns about food security in my country, my country should not heavily rely on other countries supply.
2. Excursion. Discussion after party.
3. Academic network and sharing ideas are the most important.
4. The field study helped us to learn more (practically) on agriculture and food supply in Japan. New experiences and a lot of knowledge could be extracted from the field study.
5. I could get more knowledge and shared experience with professors who came from different countries in Asia. I could understand on vegetable farming system from the field-trip which would be share this knowledge with my students.
6. I made many different countries friends. The lectures were useful to me.
7. The lecturers made excellent presentations. The participants could discuss on many issues. The organizers were considerate for all participants.
8. Make friends with other countries participation. Learn many different topics of sustainable food system. Everything was free.
9. The lecture topics gave me a broader perspective about food system. I now have a better appreciation of using environment friendly production and processing methods to make agriculture sustainable. The data presented by the lecturers are useful for my lectures in my university.
10. Exchange of information and knowledge between and among lecturers and participants improve development of the agriculture sector in our respective countries. Learning and appreciating the culture of other countries.
11. Creating networks with some countries researchers.
12. The committee were organized the seminar in an excellent in very efficient way. This is also a learning process in a useful experience to me as a researcher working in government agency for research and development program. The committee was also very excellent in taking care and considering the details of the needs of all of us participants. The university were welcomed us in a friendly with not ritualistic manners.
13. I could hear various opinions about sustainable food sustain in Asia. Every country faces different situation of their own but. They are same in that they want to develop the agriculture and look for solution about their problem. This seminar was very good opportunity to think about that.
14. The seminar gave many effective things to me. It could make my research more fertilized, especially case of all participant nations. It's good for me to study another nation's aspect.
15. Field study was able to relate the topic discussed in the centre room. It was a very effective ways to learn the scenario of agriculture activities in Japan. Discussion at the end of the lecture day was also very helpful to further understand the topic theme discussed.
16. The field study gave impression to me. I could see the real agriculture activities in Japan. The farmer is very stronger and hard worker. But, why the farmer is very do?
17. The papers presented in this seminar were useful and full of information based on the theme of this seminar. The linkage/network of participants from many countries is very important and useful for further collaboration in the future. Therefore, we as participants should have the research together in the future.
18. I think the most successful aspect was the seminar gave us enough time to discuss and let everyone to show their own opinion completely.
19. I think the most successful of aspect of this seminar was I could take a communication with many countries' people. I think I had an opportunity to improve my English level.
20. The lectures were meaningful. The communication is useful for me.
21. The participants were covering all of the Asia, and we could expand our academic network.
22. The comparative learning of each country's problems and challenges towards sustainable food system. The network and exchange ideas between participants. The field trip to learn how the Japanese farmers live and wore especially in the unfavorable land.
23. The field trip was the most successful aspect since showed the real situation of Japanese agriculture, Japanese farmers, and the effects of Japanese agricultural policy on sustainable food system. Also, the presentation of the various international lecturers made a holistic view of sustainable food system in many parts of Asia.
24. The information of background and problem understood by participants were very useful and helped me to

get ideals and knowledge.

25. The topics were diverse, the speakers were knowledgeable, and able to exchange information and discuss issues. Participants were alert and eager to learn and shared knowledge; a diverse group of participants made this seminar more interesting.
26. I think the substances of this seminar were very interesting and excellent. The committee of this seminar was helpful and very excellent.
27. We could communicate with Asian countries' members. And we could exchange opinions each other.
28. Interchange of young researcher in Asia.
29. All of lectures matched the title of this seminar. They were focused in the present conditions of their own countries, so that we, participants were able to study a lot about Asian countries.

The least successful aspect of this seminar (if possible, suggestion for importants) was:

1. None
2. None
3. Time was not enough.
4. More countries should be invited.
5. Nothing
6. The seminar was well-planned. I can not think of anything that requires improvement.
7. Some participants didn't concentrate when lecturers made their presentation.
8. May be it would be more useful and better for all of the participants, if we were get introduced firstly in early session of the seminar and having special moments earlier some 'introduction session' to know each other closer. It felt a little bit 'strange in far feeling' to each other in the start, even it got closer in warmer in the middle session of the seminar.
9. Some lecturer used the old data (15~10 years ago).
10. I think it was data. The data was so old one. So I think they should change the data, even statistic data. These could make this seminar more useful. We could check our past from that data, but I think future is more important. So they should give old data and current data for the comparison.
11. Everything is okay.
12. The time of visiting the farms is limit and I hope to visit more places to see how Japan's agri-food supply from produce to sale.
13. Nothing
14. Nothing
15. The seminal time was true united to all the participation.
16. Need more time to discuss. The setting for seminar could be better, if it was a round table one, so all participants could focus on the topics.
17. Language barrier was a problem at times, but this also showed the diversity of Asian cultures which may also be good thing.
18. The discussion and conclusion in the evening had insufficient times for each participant to give more ideas and comments.
19. The length of each lecture was quite long, very little time for discussion at the end of each talk. Could be better if the lecture was not too long, but gave more time for questions and discussion. The total time (period) of this seminar was too long, finer days, but compact information would not tire us cut.
20. Everything is OK.
21. The period was a little long. Incompleteness of preparation for reception.
22. I wished each moderator to tell an abstract about the lectures. We could have got knowledge more, if he did so.

Other comments:

1. Thanks for your hospitality very much.
2. The biography of all participants should be collected and record as the directory picture.
3. This seminar is very helpful for Asian countries to develop strategy on how to sustain food system. Discussions and lectures led us to a new paradigm.
4. This seminar is beneficial to all of participants and to the food system development of their countries.
5. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to be part of this seminar. This activity has allowed me to gain knowledge and insights on Asian agriculture. It would definitely be useful in carrying out research activities in my agency.
6. I found the theme in issues were very urgent in very actual to solve especially to our developing country. And the committee chose a great title in lectures to address this theme. We learned much on this interesting

agenda.

7. I am very happy to have the opportunity to be one of the participants in this seminar. Topic discussed was very interesting and has widened my knowledge, especially on agriculture theme.
8. I am very happy that could join with the seminar. Thank you for invite me to get new experiences and get many information from other country especially on farming system. This seminar was very meaningful to improve my knowledge on agriculture sector.
9. I'm appreciated the hospitality of the organizer and NUBS for invited me here to explore many interested things and had a network with others, otherwise I could not have that chance to do it.
10. This kind of seminar was very useful for studying especially useful for younger PhD students to learn from other countries.
11. We should communicate each other in the future.
12. The organizers had done a brilliant and great job. Congratulations and our thanks and gratitude for organizing this important seminar. It should be continued for future researchers in Asian countries.
13. The field trip should be more time to see marketing process.
14. Generally pre organizers gathered very nice combination of useful and interesting information. Facility was nice and comfortable. Since there was so much materials during the seminar, to make it efficient and valuable, we could have other activity as a group to share that knowledge. For example, a game, leisure activity to make that information we learned more interactive instead of just listening and commenting.
15. I am very happy joint in this seminar and I hope, I can come back to Japan in the next time to the other seminars.
16. We could construe the academe network among participants. In field trip, we could discuss with participants through the sight.
17. This seminar had many female participants. I think this is a good tendency for female.
18. Thank you for letting me participates in the seminar. I realized ambient atmosphere of the international seminar. I learned the latest studies from speakers and made friends with students from other countries.
19. I could just attend the lecture of Prof. SASAKI. It was very interesting to me.

Part 3

Your personal information

Age:	A.	20-24	0
	B.	25-29	9
	C.	30-34	14
	D.	35-39	5
	E.	over	8
	n.a.		1

Title:	A.	Ph.D. student	11
	B.	Postdoctoral researcher	3
	C.	Research associate	0
	D.	Lecturer	5
	E.	Researcher	8
	F.	Associate Professor	6
	G.	other ()	4
		Government officer	1
		Assistant professor	1
		Consultant	1
		Research student	1

Research Field

Agricultural Economics (7)
Food Economics (4)
Agri-Food Supply Chain (3)
Food Safety (2)
Agri-Marketing
Agricultural and Resource Economics
Antidumping, WTO, CGE Model
Development Studies, Farmers Capacity Building, Globalization, Trade/International Trade, WTO
Environment
Farmer's Market
Food System of Frozen Food
International Trade Policy
Micro Finance
Modeling, Payment for Environmental Services, Food Economics
Organic Agriculture
Plant Greening
Policy Analysis and Advocacy in agriculture and national resources
Production Economics, Technological Development, Agri-Biotechnology
Rural Development in China
WTO Agricultural Issues
n.a. (5)