

JSPS Asian Science/Academic Seminar Questionnaire for the Seminar Participants

Seminar Title: JSPS-DST Asian Academic Seminar 2016 : Advanced Materials, Processes and Systems for Sustainable Development

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Part 1																							
Organization of the seminar																							
The time allotted to each part of the program was appropriate	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	A
The lecture and laboratory components were effectively linked	A	C	B	B	A	B	C	C	C	A		B	B	B	A	C	A	A	B	B	C	A	A
The size of the classes was optimal	A	A	A	B	A	B	D	C	C	A		A	B	A	A	A	D	A	B	A	B	B	A
Lectures																							
Sufficient time was allocated for the lectures	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	B	B	A		B	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	C	B	A
The lectures were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	A	B	B	C	B	C	C	C	C	A	A	B	C	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	A	B	B
The level of the lectures relative to my educational background and experience was optimal	A	C	B	C	D	C	C	C	B	A		A	C	B	B	A	B	A	C	A	A	B	B
Laboratory Work																							
Sufficient time was allocated for the laboratory works	A	C	C	C	A	A			C	B		C	A	A		C	B	A	D	B	D	B	
The laboratory works were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	B	C	A	C	A	B			C	B		C	B	B		C	B	B	B	B	C	A	
The level of the laboratory works relative to my educational background and experience was optimal	A	C	C	C	A	B			C	B		C	B	B		C	B	B	B	B	C	A	
Discussions																							
Sufficient time was allocated for the discussions	A	B	C	B	B	A	C	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	D	A	A
The discussions were useful in my research (interesting, stimulating and practical)	A	B	B	C	A	B	C	C	C	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	C	A	C	A	B
Excursion (if applicable)																							
The excursion(s) was well organized	A	B	C	B	A	A	A		B	A	A	A	A	B		A		A	B	A	A	A	
Lecturers																							
Lecturers gave equal treatment to all the participants	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	B	B	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	A	B	A	A
Lecturers respected the ideas, opinions and comments of the participants	A	B	A	A	A	A	C	B	B	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	A
Overall																							
I found my participation in the seminar to be meaningful	B	B	B	B	A	B	C	B	B	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	B	B	A
I was able to create and expand working networks with other researchers by participating in the seminar	B	B	A	B	A	B	A	C	C	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	A	A	A	B	A	B	A
Part 2 Please write your comments.																							
The most successful aspect of this seminar:	Please refer to the attached sheet.																						
The least successful aspect of this seminar (if possible, suggestion for improvement):	Please refer to the attached sheet.																						
Other comments:	Please refer to the attached sheet.																						
Part 3																							
Age: A. 20-24 B. 25-29 C. 30-34 D. 35-39 E. over		B	B	B	E	B	B	B	D	C	D	B	B	E	C	E	C	D	C		E		C
Title: A. Ph.D. student B. Postdoctoral Researcher C. Research Associate D. Lecturer E. Researcher F. Associate Professor G. Other ()		A	A	A	A	B	B	A	G Assistant Prof.	G Assistant Prof.	G Assistant Prof.	A	B	F	B	G Scientist	B	G Assistant Prof.	A		G Professor	G Professor & Director	B
Research Field:		Materials Sciences and Devices	Materials Science	Advanced Mechanics-Grinding Technology (Manufacturing Engineering)	Electrostatics of organic material	Mechanical Engineering (Heat transfer)	Tribology and Lubrication, Surface Engg	Nano-structure fabrication	Physics, Optics	Nano-materials, energy storage devices, sensors	Flexible Electronics, Semi-conductor Devices, integrated Circuits	Biomaterial Engineering (Medical Devices)	Mechanical Engineering (Heat transfer)	Polymer Chemistry, Molecular Assembly	Electro-catalysis	Materials Chemistry - Nano-materials	Manufacturing Process	Supramolecular chemistry with DNA	Materials Science		Tribology, Friction Stir Welding, Metal forming, (fundamental and sustainability issues)	Nanomaterials	Electrocatalysis

Part2 Comments

	The most successful aspect of this seminar:	The least successful aspect of this seminar (if possible, suggestion for improvement):	Other comments:
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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaningful theme • The program was organized very well in a very good place. • Respectful supporting staffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the labs we visited were bio related labs. Although its enjoyable, more related lab tour would have been appreciated. • We wasted lot of time at NIMS. There was no lab visit. 	
3	I was so happy to meet other researchers in different major from all over the world.	Tour to Amada was interesting, but it was not that helpful.	thank you for inviting me to the seminar.
4	The whole program was well organized, informative and eventful. Even though there were unexpected calamities (rain in India) and subsequent delay in the arrival of Indian presenters, they organizing committee immediately took control of the situation and modified the program. Also, very good attention to detail and time management was done to ensure smooth functioning of lectures and presentations.	The details of the change of hotel at the start of the program weren't informed to all the participants. Also, changing the stay, for participants, from one hotel to another during the program could have been handled in a better fashion.	
5	It was a very wonderful seminar, I hope to participate next year.		
6	The seminar was very well organized and the programs were thoughtfully planned to provide a balance between lectures and field/laboratory demonstrations. This seminar provided a suitable platform to connect with other Asian researchers and make new friends. I also feel that the size of the seminar was optimal, neither too small nor too big, allowing for a healthy interaction amongst students and professors.	As a researcher with engineering background, I would like to see more participation from different engineering fields in this seminar. This time it felt like the seminar was predominantly for researchers with chemistry and material science background.	
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It provides the nice platform for the researchers from different fields of materials or other disciplines to interact with each other. 2. It was a nice opportunity for researchers to collaborate between japan and other Asian countries. 3. Since it is a small seminar, we had more time to get to know each other. 4. More time for some social activities after the meeting time 5. It is a great cultural exchange between the various countries 6. Industrial tour 7. Lab tour 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The scope of the seminar is too wide to grasp the lectures 2. Duration of the seminar is bit longer than expected 3. The final program could have finalized at least one week before the meeting 4. Strength of the participation could be improved 	
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9	Informal discussion among participants and the visit to Amada factory	May be there could be some free time after the lectures	
10	It was organized wonderfully and contained the right mixture of researchers from the Indian side and Japanese side. Therefore, I was able to establish strong links for collaborations with Japanese and Tiwanese researchers. JSPS played a perfect host and took care of all the details, including travel and accommodation. An important aspect was that sufficient time was given for interactions and discussions that really helped in setting up collaborations.	May be a few more scientists from Japan could have participated in the seminar. That would have broadened the base for interactions. Also, a visit to Start-up companies or incubators would have been greatly enriching.	
11	Networking with a wide range of researchers from India and Japan.		It might be useful to have a professional networking webpage of all people who attended the seminar from each year along with their areas of research. This will extend the connections across the years and not confine it to this year alone.
12	Networking with researchers of various levels of expertise, backgrounds and interests. The time and availability of researchers for networking and diving into their research was very well planned.	It might be more beneficial if the research topics are more closely related. I believe that researchers, including myself, can benefit greatly from listening to research topics in other fields however I felt a good portion of the research was difficult to relate to my knowledge base and my current studies.	The overall experience was very enjoyable. Networking and listening to / understanding research topics from a wide variety of fields tied under one topic of sustainability was very interesting. This diversity, not only in field of knowledge, but experience (young researchers and professors) added great benefit to my future endeavors.
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14	Interaction	No comment	Everything was perfect
15	I could discuss the research activities with researcher from different area and opened a new path for active collaboration in future.	Nothing to say any special least successful aspects.	
16	I was able to interact with highly active Japanese researchers in the area I was working in. Also I could make new connections and networks for my future research. The quality of the lectures was very high. The whole event was meticulously planned and executed.	The visit to Tsukuba labs could have been planned better. The people who were given the responsibility of this task could have interacted with the visiting delegation before and made proper plans for lab visits and interactions. We had spent the whole day of 20th December practically doing nothing.	The Asian Academic Seminar had a structure of lectures, demonstrations, lab tours and excursions. Over the years the emphasis on demonstrations and lab tours is decreasing and time is being devoted only to lectures. Also the number of student participants is decreasing. The JSPS-DST should sit together and brainstorm and see how the interest in this important event can be rekindled.
17	The schedule of this seminar was well prepared and the discussion among researchers has created and expanded the networking.		
18	The seminar brought both scientists and engineers in a same platform which really gave me the feeling that the research benefit has to go the public at the very last. In this aspect, the organizers from both Japan and Indian side selected the right speakers and topics for the seminar. I found this as the most successful part of the seminar. However, I would also like to mention that all other aspects of the seminar were excellent.	The seminar was meticulously handled from both Indian and Japanese sides, and I have no negative remarks about the seminar.	Congratulations to all the people behind this great event. I am really looking forward to participate the meeting again, if an opportunity is given.

19	We could have a lot of time to communicate with Japanese and Indian researchers and learned about various topics.	It was necessary to inform everyone about the changes of the schedules and what to do next directly, especially, about Japanese laboratories tour. At least students didn't know the whole of the schedule of the tour (arrival time and departure time of the bus at each place, etc...). Since the bus driver couldn't speak English, if possible, I suggest that a person who knows the schedule of the day be assigned as the tour guide.	
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21	It was the lectures and the trip to Amada.	It was the visit to NIMS. Program details needs to be worked out.	Overall the program was very well organized. I would have preferred more manufacturing aspects to have been covered. But given my engineering background, I learnt a lot from the seminar. It would have been useful if there were more students from Japanese background to attend and to get the students from India and Japan to interact and explore the possibilities of startups. I would prefer if there was a separate discussion session at the end of each day to discuss in detail the papers presented.
22	Variety of talks. In depth discussions	No sight seeing!!!	It has been a repeat wonderful experience...
23	I could discuss the research activities with researcher from different area and opened a new path for active collaboration in future.	Nothing to say any special least successful aspects.	