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Centre for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Forestry/University Göttingen
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Institute for Co-operation in Developing Countries/University Marburg

-Questionnaire-

Southeast Asia-Germany
Alumni-Network
SEAG

Dear colleagues

Please take a little time and fill out this questionnaire carefully. The questionnaire focuses on identification of areas, in which the co-operation between the Universities Göttingen, Kassel and Marburg, and the Net-working supported by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange) can be organized and executed most efficiently in the future.

Although we asked you to mention your names and addresses precisely, the questionnaire will remain anonymous, because your names will be removed before starting the analysis of data and immediately after the registration of your names and addresses in a databank for later contacts with you.

Thank you for your help!

Questionnaire

1. **Surname** _____

2. **Firstname** _____

3. **Sex:** female male

4. **Business address**

Country _____

City _____

University/Institution _____

Faculty/Department _____

Street&No _____

Postal-Code _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

e-mail _____

5. **Private address**

Country _____

City _____

Street&No _____

Postal-Code _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

e-mail _____

6.1 Please, specify the **exact job-title:** in **English** _____

6.2 _____ in your **national language** _____

7.1 **Year of birth:** _____

7.2 **Family status:** single married other

7.3 No of children: _____

8.1 Please, fill in **degree/title**

Degree/Study	Discipline/ Specialisation	University	Country	Duration (years)	Financial support
1. Bachelor (BA, BSc. ...)					
2. Master (MA, MSc. ...)					
3. Diplom (Dipl.-Ing., Dipl. VW..)					
4. Doctoral (Dr., PhD ...)					
5. Continuing Education (Practicals, HD, Unistaff, etc.)					

8.2 If applicable, please note the **title or subject** of your

Bachelor-thesis _____

Diploma-thesis _____

Master-thesis _____

PhD-dissertation _____

8.3 If based on empirical data collection or experimental work, in which country?

9.1 What did **motivate you to study** in Germany? _____

9.2 Where did you obtain the **information** to study in Germany? _____

10. From which **institution** did you **get financial support** for studying in Germany?

11. How would you **evaluate your study time in Germany** with respect to

	very good	good	fair	poor	very poor
1. technical equipment					
2. appropriate and new knowledge					
3. cultural life					
4. scholarship					
5. accommodation					

12. If you had any **problems with admission to Universities in Germany**, please specify

13. Research shows that **personal development** is an important issue in higher education.

Which of the following have been the most important (please rank three of them:

1 = most important, 2 = important, 3 = less important)

1. carry-through abilities	
2. persuasion abilities	
3. social abilities	
4. emotional intelligence	
5. scientific abilities	
6. strong character	
7. self-confidence	
8. management abilities	
9. dominance	
10. rationality	
11. efficiency	
12. organizational abilities	

14. Please, **evaluate your study in Germany**

	very important	important	fair	less important	not important
Personal development					
Preparation for career					
Applicability					
Interdisciplinary teamwork					
Intercultural communication					
Knowledge of language a) English					
b) German					
New knowledge					
Methods and experimental techniques					
Leadership, Teamwork, Management					
Self-confidence					
Self-initiative					
Presentation techniques					

15. Learning of **cross-cultural communication skills** seems not to be very effective.
Which of the following aspects are responsible for this from your point of view?
(please rank three of them: 1= most important, 2 = important, 3 = less important)

1. Such skills are not taught at the university	
2. Germans are mainly dealing with themselves and not others	
3. In Germany one is left alone to himself	
3. Education does not allow enough space for communication skills	
4. Germans did not have enough time	
5. I did not have enough time	

16.1 During your study in Germany, did you have opportunity to have **contact with German families**? Yes No

16.2 If yes, is the contact still existing? Yes No

17. When did you **return to your home country after** higher education in Germany?
(year) _____

18. How intensive are your **contacts with Germany after returning** back home?

	very intensive	intensive	no contacts	weak	very weak
1. with university					
2. with scholarship supporting institution					
3. with friends/relatives					
4. with political institutions					
5. with research institutions					

19.1 Do you have **contact with German institutions** in your home country?

..... Yes No

19.2 If yes, how intensive are these contacts in general?

very intensive	intensive	no contacts	weak	very weak

20. Which is the **contact institution**? (multiple answer possible)

- German embassy/consulate
- DAAD
- Goethe-/Cultural Institute
- German Center
- German Company
- German families
- colleagues/researchers
- Development agencies
- others, please specify: _____

21.1 Do you have contacts with any of your **countrymen**, who have **studied in Germany**?

..... Yes No

21.2 If yes, how intensive is this contact?

very intensive	intensive	occasional	weak	very weak

21.3. If you have had little or **no contact**, what are the reasons? (multiple answer possible)

- my own person
- little time
- no interest
- I am interested, but don't know how
- Contacts are generally difficult
- Too much expense
- Others, what? _____

22. Are you basically interested in a **scientific exchange** with Germany?

- yes, strongly
- yes, moderately
- yes, occasionally
- no

23. How would you judge **your key qualification** in terms of

	very strong	strong	no comment	weak	very weak
1. Ability to co-operate with colleagues					
2. Ability to work with your directors/supervisors					
3. Ability to work with students					
4. Communication abilities					
5. Management abilities					
6. System thinking					
7. Computer skills					
8. Organizing abilities					
9. Presentation and Publication ability					
10. Action/self-initiative					

⇒⇒ If you are not a University Staff member, please go directly to question 41!

⇒⇒ If you are a University staff member, please continue here (with question 24)!

24. The actual **allocation of your faculty time**

	Teaching	Research	Administration	Consulting
Less than 10%				
11 to 30%				
31 to 50%				
More than 50%				

25. **Preferred allocation** of faculty time:

	Teaching	Research	Administration	Consulting
less than actual				
more than actual				
actual				

26. Please enter the **allocation of your teaching time!**

Activities	Amount (hours per semester)	%	Remarks (e.g. who is helping ...)
Lecture			
Seminar			
Exercises			
Practicals			
Excursion			

27. Please, name your **formal teaching deputy**: _____

28. Please, name the real size of your **teaching activity** (e.g. in other universities, colleges, etc., without assistances) _____

29. Please, enter three of your main lectures!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

30.1 Do you see any **problems in your teaching** activities? Yes No

30.2. If yes, which? _____

31.1 Do you see any need for a **training in teaching**? Yes No

31.2. If yes, can you please identify this need exactly! _____

32. How would you rate your contribution to **research activities** in your university?

very strong	strong	no comment	weak	very weak

33. Which are the **main problems of research** in your case?

- Personnel
- Finance
- Equipment (library, laboratory)
- Administration

34. What aspects of **research** do you believe need **improvement**?

- Preparation/proposal
- Execution
- Dissemination/conferences
- Publication
- Evaluation

35.1 Do you need **additional training in research**? Yes No

35.2. If yes, kindly specify your need: _____

36.1 Do you have any **administrative responsibilities** in your faculty/university?

..... Yes No

36.2. If yes, please specify: _____

36.3. How many years? _____

37. How does this **responsibility affect your scientific activities**?

very strongly	strongly	no comment	weakly	very weakly

38. Is this **responsibility supporting your career**?

very strongly	strongly	no comment	weakly	very weakly

39. In which areas do you personally **supervise students**?

	Teaching
	Students lecturing
	Scientific essays
	Thesis writing graduates
	Thesis writing post graduates
	Dissertation
	Personal affairs
	Others

40.1 Are you involved in any **consulting activities** within/without the university?

- Yes, within the university/faculty
- Yes, outside the university/faculty
- No

40.2. If yes, what kind of consulting? _____

40.3. Since when? _____

⇒⇒ As university staff member please continue with question

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⇒⇒ If you are not university staff member, please answer the following questions.

41. Where are you **currently employed**? (Please state **only** your main occupation; tick and specify your position)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Para-statal organisation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private company (domestic)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private company (international)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Institute	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-operative/Cooperative federation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NGO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self employed/own business	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Free Lance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Development Agency	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	

42. After your graduation in Germany, how long did it take you **to reach your current position**? (No. of years) _____

43. In your current position what are the three **most important activities**? (please rank: 1=very important, 2=important, 3= less important)

Research and Development	
Management/Supervision	
Monitoring and evaluation	
Marketing	
Public Relations	
Administration	
Consulting	
Field activities/extension	
Moderation/Facilitation	
Training/teaching	
Policy Formulation and Planning	
Others (please specify)	
Others (please specify)	

44. How many **persons** are working **under your responsibility**? _____

45. How often have you **changed position** till now? _____

46. How long after finishing your studies in Germany were you able **to find a job** in your related field of study (number of months) _____

47. For your **first position** how would you evaluate the following aspects of studies in Germany?

	very important	important	fair	less important	not important
Topic of your research thesis					
Language skills					
Experience in empirical/ experimental research work					
Social competence					
Formal degree					
Final grade					
Self-reliance					
Teamwork					
Communication techniques					
Methodological approach					
Subject matter related knowledge					
Others (specify)_____					

48. For your **current position** how would you evaluate the following aspects of studies in Germany?

	very important	important	fair	less important	not important
Topic of your research thesis					
Language skills					
Experience in empirical/ experimental research work					
Social competence					
Formal degree					
Final grade					
Self-reliance					
Teamworking					
Communication techniques					
Methodological approach					
Subject matter related knowledge					
Others (specify)_____					

49. In your opinion what are the **shortcomings of your study in Germany** for your professional career? _____

50. After returning from Germany, did you have any **problems**

50.1 getting your German **degree certificate accepted**?

..... No Yes, please explain _____

50.2 **readjusting** to life in your home country

..... No Yes, please explain _____

50.3 to get **reintegrated** in your former organisation (if applicable)

..... No Yes, please explain _____

51. In the following scale, a rough **value of higher education** (+) to (+++) is stated.

Please enter from your point of view the value of higher education for Germany using the symbol (D)/France (F)/USA/Great Britain (GB)// Japan (J)/Australia (A)

(+) (++) (+++)

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52.1 Are **you member of any Alumni-network**? No Yes

52.2 If yes: please name: _____

52.3. How active is this Alumni-network?

very active	active	no comment	less active	not active

53.1 When did you **last visit Germany**? year _____ month _____

53.2 For how long? (months) _____

53.3 Purpose of visit? _____

54. Have you participated in any **international/interregional conference** last year?

..... Yes No

55. What is your opinion of the **International Alumni-network SEAG**?

very positive	positive	no comment	less positive	not positive

56.1 Do you use a computer with **internet**?

..... Yes, in my office

..... Yes, at home

..... No

56.2 If no, is any connection planned for the near future? Yes No

57. Do you believe in the idea of **networking for the South East Asian** region?

..... Yes

..... No

58.1 Have you had a look at our **SEAG Homepage**? Yes No

58.2 If no, why not? _____

59.1 Have you already received the **SEAG NEWSLETTER**? Yes No

59.2 If yes, is it of interest to you?

very much	much	no comment	little	not at all

60. Are you ready to contribute to the SEAG NEWSLETTER in future?

..... Yes No

61.1 Are you ready **to support and contribute to the SEAG Alumni-network**?

☐ Yes ☐ No

61.2 Please, name the areas, where you are ready to support and contribute.

64. Will you be interested in becoming a **member of SEAG Alumni-network**?

..... Yes No

63. Alumni information will be put in **SEAG homepage**. Which **specific information** are most interesting to you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

64. If you want to make any **further comment**, please use the following field:

Thank you for your co-operation