An introductory course on Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Bangkok, Thailand (5th - 20th May, 2010)

Part 1: Overall Evaluation

S.N	Questions		Respondents Grades						
	Please rate the following	Low				High			
		1	2	3	4	5			
1	Relevance of this activity to your current work			1	12	7			
2	Extent to which you have acquired information that is new to you			4	11	15			
3	Usefulness to you of the information that you have acquired			2	10	7			
4	Focus of this activity on what you specifically needed to lear		1	1	1	11			
5	Extent to which the content of this activity matched the announced objectives			2	8	10			
6	Overall usefulness of this activity			1	7	12			
7	Possible influence of this course on current and future research			1	6	13			
8	Possible influence of this course on current and future teaching			1	5	13			
9	Please identify the session that were MOST useful to you								
	Non market valuation			6					
	Stata			6					
	Climate Change Studies			4					
	Renewable Resources			5					
	Non-renewables								
	Productivity Change								
	Welfare Economics								
	Empirical paper presentation			2					
	Social Welfare								
	Empirical Presentations								
	Concept note/Proposal presentation								
	All the sessions by Partha Dasgputa, Karl Goran Maler and Enamul Haque was very useful.								

10	Please identify the session that were LEAST useful to you
	Green Accounting
	Was useful but advance level
	Mathmatics - 1st Session
	Theories
	Session 50
	Forestry, Non-renewable resources
	Presentations
	Sea-Turtle Presentation
	Renewable and non-renewables
11	Please identify how this course may affect your
	<u>Research</u>
	Improved my curernt research in terms of new insights, services, methodologies.
	Earn confidence to face the Natural Resource and EE problems
	Writing Research Pre-proposals
	Develop methodologies
	Formulating research ideas in Environmental Valuation
	Through identifying the specific issue to develop specific research question
	Helps to be more specific
	Refine Proposal
	Empirical Modelling
	I can use the relevant methodology that I have learned from this course.
	New areas to learn about while doing research in field.
	Will help to incorporate new dimensions intensive economic analysis
	Using the discussed methods

Th	is course influence me to introduce to mathematics into different research work.
It i	s really thought provoking but tools of data analysis and explanation should be more effective.
Pu	tting more students in the area of climate change and environmental economics
It l	nas improved my understanding of the practical issues of environment.
Ga	ve me the idea, required to undertake EE research
Lea	arning econometrics and its advances especially data envelopment analysis is useful fo research.
Un	derstanding research methodology
Re	search based on environmental economics
Us	ing more sophisticated model by giving statistical evidence; do more literature review
Ide	entifying the research question and framing project properly
Re	search work will be specific and clear, will go deeper in a small area but detailly
Te	aching
Mo	otivated me to take NR&EE course at PG level
Us	eful tool for the teaching conceptual idea & explanation
De	pth of EE and NRM
Wi	Il help to explain in details with examples
Re	designing course curriculum
Th	is course material will be useful.
Tea	aching/developing a course on Economics of Climate Change
Но	w to structure a class
Но	w to interpret ecological and economic concepts (RNB & KGM)
Re	cent teaching methodology
Tea	aching material preparation
De	veloping curricula for Master's in Environmental and Resource Economics
Tea	aching the existing course
Tea	aching will be more interesting, adding EE flavor

12	Please rate the following sessions	Low				High
		1	2	3	4	5
	Forests - Examining Policy Options in Nepal, Priya Shyamsundar, SANDEE	1		1	9	7
	Climate Change and Water Resources, Sangam Shrestha, AIT	1	4	5	6	4
	Climate Change Modeling Impacts, Satya Priya, UNEP	1	1	6	10	2
	Atmospheric Brown Clouds and Climate Change, Maheswor Rupakheti, UNEP			2	11	7
	Case Study: Marine Turtle, Orapan Nabangchang, EEPSEA	1		5	6	8
13	After this training do you feel you need additional training on					
	Micro Economics			4		
	Economics			1		
	Any Other					
	Econometrics			6		
	Statistics					
	Data analysis techniques			2		
	Mathematical Economics			2		
	Model Interpretation					
	Economics of Climate Change					
	Ecological Economics					
	Governance					
	Environmental Economics					
	Environmental Tourism					
14	How many times did you visit AIT library?					
	Once			6		
	Twice			3		
	Three Times			6		

	Five Times			2				
	More			0				
	Never			3				
15	Was the library visit helpful for developing your research proposal?							
	Yes			11				
	No			2				
	Not much as it requires continuous visit							
	Somehow, but most information was on the internet							
16	Any other comments							
	Course is good but I feel it is too advanced. I propose some basic lessons in micro economics would be	be useful. It v	will be done	e in a day.				
	Please provide us with the soft copy of reading materials instead of hard bound copies.							
	Introductory course in EE should be given.							
	This training course is really nearly excellent. SANDEE team is really very helpful. It is a big basket of	of knowledg	e.					
	I wish to attend further courses/programmes like this which will help me to think further and contribu	ite in other's	work					
	Very good training to help develop research skills.							
	Make the program schedule more longer to introduce new ideas and topics.							
	Useful for all skills, generated curiosity							
	Enlightened by economic vision, exciting training.							
	I got good guardian - SANDEE							
	Sweet and sweet experience							
	Big family (SANDEE) membership will encourage me to work.							
	All were useful but time constraint							
	Empirical paper presentations chosen by SANDEE - instead it may be left to the participants with the	restriction o	f a peer-rev	iewed journa	1.			

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Part 2: Module Evaluation

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades					
	Module 1: Review of Optimization and Mathematical Tools	Low				High	
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.		1	4	11	8	
2	The lectures were appropriate given the topic		4	2	10	8	
3	The readings were relevant			3	10	11	
4	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right		3	1	12	8	
5	Additional comments, if any				-		
	It would be better if the participants were advised to study or do some exe- work.	rcise before con	ning so as to ha	ve some more	clarity about th	ne mathematical	
	Lectures and material was appropriate for those who have prior knowledge	e, for a first time	er this was heav	y.			

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades					
	Module 2: Natural Resource Economics	Low				High	
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.				7	17	
2	The lectures were appropriate given the topic			1	5	18	
3	The readings were relevant				7	17	
4	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right	1		1	9	13	
5	Additional comments, if any						
	He was a darling, for a teacher and an ideal for all the teachers here						
	One of the best teacher ever had						
	Lectures are excellent, very easy to understand lectures.						
	I must thank SANDEE for giving me the opportunity of excellent exposure to the area of natural resource economics and the excellent teaching ski of Prof. RNB						
	Excellent lecturer						
	He provided the information and the economic relevance thoroughly an	d systematically.	His method wa	s very logically			
	This was an excellent experience to bear a lot of new things about natur	al resource eocno	mics.				

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades						
	Module 3: Introduction to Special Topics in EE	Low				High		
		1	2	3	4	5		
1	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.			1	7	16		
2	The lectures were appropriate given the topic			1	13	10		
3	The readings were relevant				11	13		
4	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right		1	6	11	6		
5	Additional comments, if any	•		•	•	•		
	If instructures provide mor empirical examples, it will be better to understand the matter.							
	Reading materials more, time limited - mismatch							
	Theory with practical problem solution- good approach but it was time factor that created problem. More time next time!							
	World class leverl experience professor - lectures were wonderful and e	enlightening						
	Issues covered were really interesting	mment. Simply, they threw light on the major topic of environmental and natural resource economic						
	The instructors were beyond our comment. Simply, they threw light on it up reading on the issues, it would be a good outcome of attending the							
	Need to read before coming to class							
	Excellent papers in the modules							
	The classes of Sir Partha Dasgupta was excellent. It will be better for us if we would get some additional classes of Sir Dasgupta.							
	I got several information of macro environmetal issues which I have not heard of before. Sir Partha Dasgupta lectures are difficult to get without proper background. However he motivated me to think the issues at the global level.							
	Time constraint for reading. I lack the knowledge in mathematics so wa	s difficult to follo	w. Even though	n, I got the cond	cept to work on	1.		
	Knowledge on the subject is not enough to follow Prof. Dasgupta's lect	ures						
	Pre-module on Introduction to econometrics could be added, that will b	e helpful to some	participants.					
	The module was very good.But the topics need more lectures, that can i	make it more inter	esting.					
	I suggest to conduct a few optional sessions to make basics clear for per lectuers of world recognized economists.	ople who are not f	amiliar with the	e subject. Then	is it good to ap	preciate		
	Reading materials quality were very good. But it would have been bette order, and thus made classes a little difficult to follow at times. Also the Everyone was not equipped in every thing. Thats okay, I suppose, but c	e tools varied wide	ly in the classe	s from sociolot				

S.N	Questions		Respondents Grades						
	Module 4 : Non-market Valuation	Low	Low						
		1	2	3	4	5			
1	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.			1	3	17			
2	The lectures were appropriate given the topic			1	5	15			
3	The readings were relevant				3	18			
4	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right		1	2	6	12			
5	Additional comments, if any								
	Good teacher, he taught the course very interestingly.								
	He was very systematic								
	He is an excellent teacher and a researcher								
	If Dr. Enamul could take all the classes, would be the best for all of us								
	The module was very good. Every thing was very clear, must have mo	re lectures with mo	ore details.						
	Include more excersie so that the theories or methods can be just applied in practice.								
	He is a good teacher but busy. Smiling co-operative and helpful. We can generate many issues of economics with his idea.								

Part 3: Assignment Evaluation

S.N	Questions		Res	spondents Gra	ades	
	Please, rate the assignments according to its usefulness to you	Low				High
		1	2	3	4	5
a.	Assignment 1: Math/Microeconomics Review and Static Optimization		1	5	8	6
b.	Assignment 2: Non-renewables		1	4	10	4
c.	Assignment 3: Renewable Resources, Fisheries		1	2	10	6
d.	Assignment 4: Travel Cost	1		2	8	9
e.	Assignment 5: Hedonics		1	3	7	9
f.	Assignment 6: Empiricial Paper Presentation		1	3	9	7
g.	Assignment 7: Concept Note Preparation and Presentation			2	3	15
h.	Please, identify the assignments that were most useful					
	Travel Cost			4		
	Empirical Paper Presentation			3		
	Concept note preparation and presentation			4		
	Stata			3		
	Hedonics			3		
	Maths Review			1		
	Non-renewable			1		
	Renewables			1		
i.	Please identify the assignments that could be dropped					
	Maths Review			1	8 7 9	
	Non-renewable			1		
	Fisheries			1		
	Empirical Paper Presentation			2		