



ASIA-Link RECREATE Presentation

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Partnership:

Wageningen University, The Netherlands (co-ordinator)

Nanjing Agricultural University, China

University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands





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Main Objective:

To adapt higher education in resource and environmental economics to the requirements of the emerging market economy in China and Vietnam that meets international standards.





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The project has the following **two specific objectives**:

1. Strengthening **staff capacity** for education and research in resource and environmental economic at Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) and at the University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City (UEH);
2. Development and revision of **education curricula** in environmental and resource economics at undergraduate and graduate level in Vietnam and China.



Asia-Link RECREATE Project Overview

Seven broad groups of **activities** are distinguished:

- A. Short, intensive teaching / training missions
- B. Staff training in The Netherlands and Germany
- C. Study abroad for PhD programmes
- D. Curriculum development and revision
- E. Stimulating international contacts
- F. Research activities to support teaching
- G. Project management and evaluation
- H. Dissemination of project Information



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Project Duration

December 15, 2006 – December 14, 2008





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Lessons Learned (so far)

Project specific:

- lack of international, national, and regional environmental policy analysis in curricula;
- research and education on the economics of waste management and waste water management in particular missing;
- more financial flexibility needed.



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Lessons Learned (so far)

General:

- international seminars and conferences are a very efficient tool to establish contacts;
- implementation of changes in curriculum takes time;
- sustainable mechanisms for staff development needed.



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For the Future

EU support for conferences and seminars within programs should continue:

- financial support for participants from selected countries should be possible;
- EU can improve impact by providing publication facility for EU supported conferences and seminars (e.g.: EU studies on East- and Southeast Asia);



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For the Future

Support sustainable staff development through **international graduate schools** (EU member-states, SEA countries):

- demand by universities to establish graduate schools;
- facilitates development of degrees following the same standards;
- provides mechanisms for quality control;
- provides the opportunities to ease exchange of staff members;
- provides the possibility to obtain a PhD-degree at an internationally recognized institution.



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For the Future

Long-term strategy for collaboration with HEF for improving curricula:

- international graduate schools (EU member-states, E-SEA countries);
- long-term commitment needed (e.g.: chairs financed by the EU at E-SEA HEF similar to Marie Curie Chairs).





Thank You!

