

Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Workshop on Examining Training Materials Prepared for Self-learning Purposes Chiba, Japan 30 November - 2 December 2009

A three day workshop on Examining Training Materials Prepared for Self-learning Purposes recently concluded in Chiba, Japan. The workshop was organised by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP-ESCAP) with help from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication, Government of Japan (MIC). The main thrust of the workshop was to identify suitability of course materials on Survey Planning, Questionnaire Design, Field Data Collection as well as basics on National accounts in a self learning environment. Effective ways of interactive learning was also explored during the workshop.

Nine participants from seven countries and one international organizations namely Bangladesh, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, , Malaysia, Nepal, Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka and UN ESCAP participated in this workshop. Participants went through the self learning materials methodically topic by topic. These were followed by in-depth discussions on the qualities of the course materials, the ways course materials were presented to the participants, suitability of the materials for online publications and to identify for whom the materials may be suitable.

All the participants express their satisfaction on the workshop and opined that development such materials as well as making such materials easily available to NSO's would greatly help their capacity building. A formal evaluation also revealed that all participants found the learning contents and instruction strategy used in the workshop was, on average, at the top end.

The workshop took place at the SIAP-ESCAP premises in Chiba, Japan was opened by Ms Davaasuren, director SIAP-ESCAP and was attended by SIAP and MIC staffs.

Further details are also available on the SIAP website (www.unsiap.or.jp).

