

Reflection on the visit to KTH

Establishment and Development of Quality Assurance Centres at Azerbaijani Universities

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Training

Chosen topics were quite interesting in a sense that they introduced KTH approach in teaching and learning. Especially the methods were used for the development of curriculum in the field of engineering were interesting. For example, CDIO approach, which is methodology for curriculum and course development, was explained from different perspectives. KTH experience in improving student learning in lectures is also unique. It was interesting to learn about methods that turns lectures into interactive discussion sessions. Topics such as integration of sustainable development in education and challenge driven education, and key elements in the design of open ended project courses are worthy noting. All these methods encompassed the organization's teaching and learning culture in a specific way. So it was rewarding experience learning about abovementioned topics.

Trainers

Trainers usually used hands on activities which let us learn the subject well. Besides active training methods did not allow us to get tired. All the trainers had a good command of the subject matter. Almost all the presentations followed by an interesting practise, which was very helpful.

Training outcome

We can say that we reached training outcomes and gained skills that set as a goal in the beginning. Learning outcomes were realistic and could be reached within the intended period of sessions. Immediately practice opportunity provided which made the participants more active. So less presentation and more hands on activities were useful to reach training outcomes.

Agenda

Agenda was well planned and was suited the needs of the participants. Allocated time for trainings was neither excessive nor immoderate. In this way we did not have any cognitive load during trainings. Lunch was planned very well. The way it was organized let the participants to have discussions at the same time they had lunch thereby enabling them use time effectively. Also, since the buffet located nearby there was no need to commute thus saving us time. This approach should be used in other trainings as well.

Organization

Training organization was very well and we did not experience any problems in this regard. Travel and lunch arrangements were also well organized.