

EASTS Board update

# PHD & Early Career Researcher Accelerator Forum

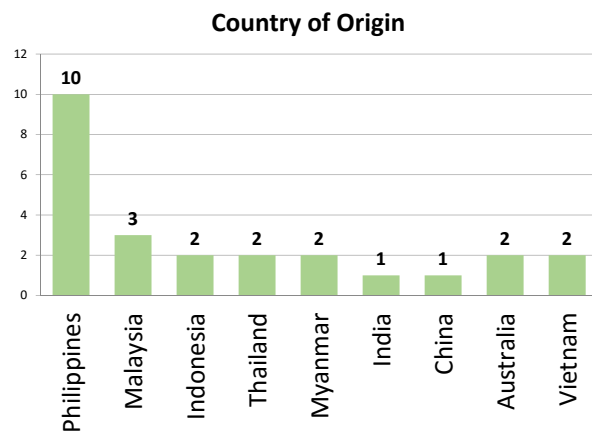
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## Participants (mentors + mentees' composition by gender)

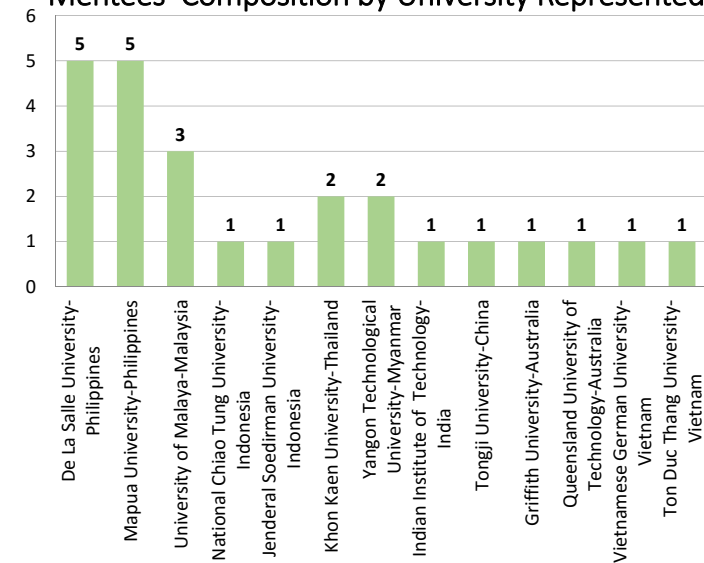
#	Female	Male	Total
Mentees	12	13	25
Mentors	7	4	11



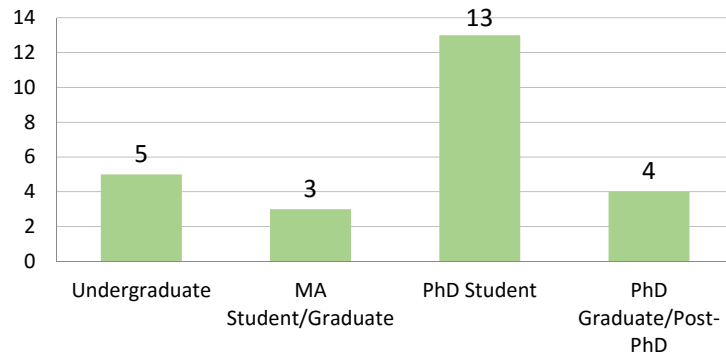
## Mentees' Composition by Country of Origin



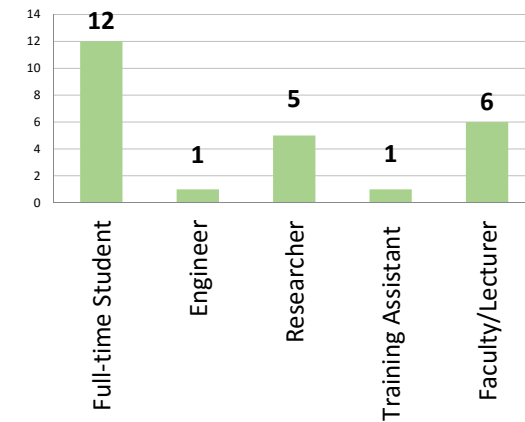
## Mentees' Composition by University Represented



Mentees' Composition by Highest Educational Attainment



Mentees' Composition by Current Occupation



## FORUM *objectives*

- **Share ideas and exchange practical advice** about learning and researching in higher education, particularly from a transport perspective;
- **Discuss challenges as well as opportunities** for future professional development in the transport sector, particularly, to **encourage more female professionals into the transport sector**; and
- **Establish networks and linkages** with the members of the academe in the region.



## Actual Logistical Expenses

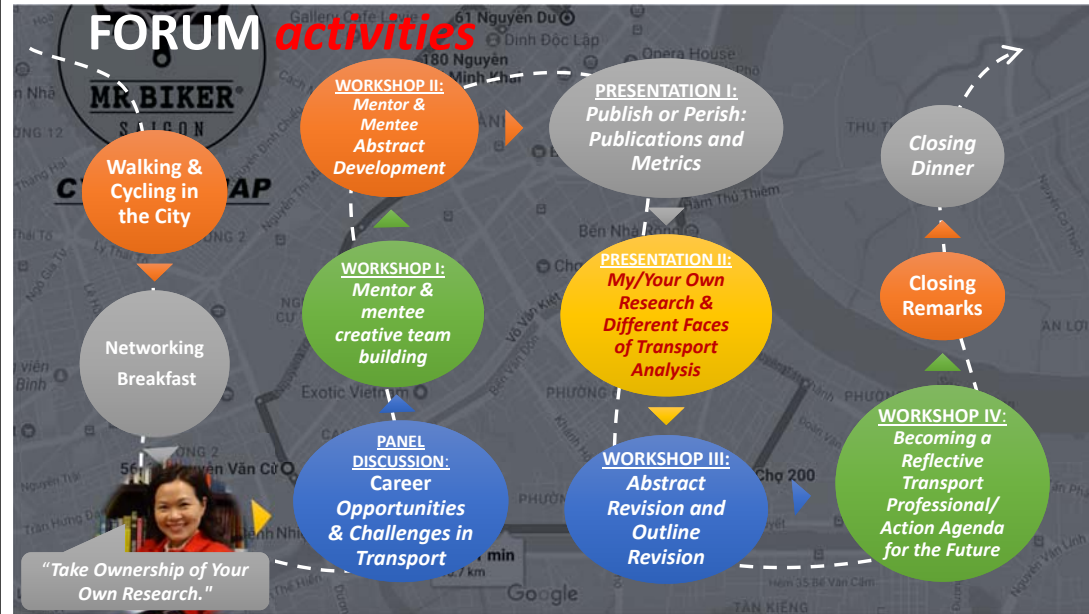
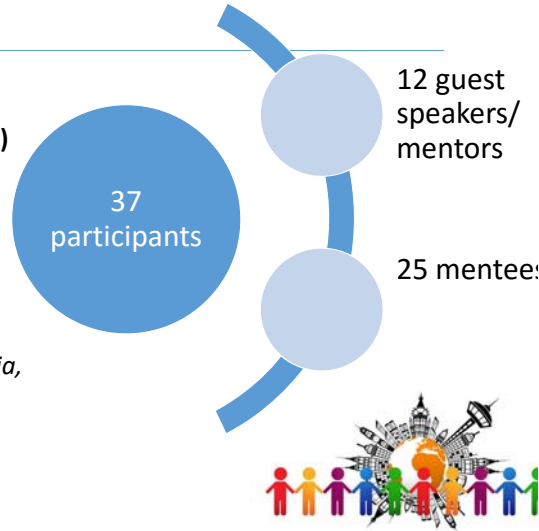
Item		No. of Items	Total (VND)	Total (USD)
Conference room, incl. 2 tea break, buffet lunch	1,035,000	37	31,050,000.00	
Backdrop	2,930,000	1	2,930,000.00	
Projector (full day)	2,930,000	1	2,930,000.00	
Standee	800,000	1	800,000.00	
Dinner	150,000	30	9,800,000.00	
Accommodation (2 nights x 36)			113,500,000.00	
Bike Tour*			8,172,000.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169,182,000.00</b>	

1 USD = 22,700



## FORUM *outcomes*

- **37 participants**
  - 1 keynote (Prof Becky Loo, HKSTS)
  - 11 guest speakers (Elsevier, KTH, ITS)
  - mentors + 25 ECRs
- **Mentees: 10 countries represented** (Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines)
- **Mentors: 5 countries represented** (Australia, Indonesia, Sweden, UK, Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Philippines)
- **10 discrete activities**



## REFLECTIONS: *mentee comments*

"I would like to share ideas on road safety measures in Thailand and in our city, especially on Automatic Speed Cameras project of Khon Kaen province (our city)."

"My goals for the forum include generating new ideas with respect to my concerned research field, exposing myself to different point of views, and having new partnerships and collaboration in strengthening my research capability."

I could share my researches with others so that they have an overview and understanding of the rapid urbanization and its impacts on transport particularly in the context of Vietnam."



## REFLECTIONS: *mentor comments*

"Take Ownership of Your Own Research."

"graduate study is more than just getting a degree, it is like a start-up that gives an extra key to a number of opportunities (and challenges to solve) designed to make a difference."

Doctoral work is about seeing the relationship between the individual tree and the entire forest





## Post-activity evaluation



Most useful about the ECR Forum:

- Learned how to make better abstracts
- Inspired and motivated by the mentors to do research with passion
- Interactive write shops for abstract and paper outline
  - Grouping of mentees ensured their participation
  - Networking



## Post-activity evaluation

Suggestions for future ECR Forum:

- More mentors from the Industry
- More interaction with mentors and mentees from other groups
- program should continue every year for academic staff and students
- Extend forum into 2 days



Thank you for your support.  
We look forward to future collaboration☺

