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SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Name of the project

Curriculum Development between Guangzhou University and JAMK University of Applied Sciences in the Area of International Environmental Management and Technology, EMT

Coordinating Institution

Jyväskylän ammattikorkeakoulu /JAMK University of Applied Sciences

Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)

The main aim of the project is to develop the programmes of environmental technology and management at JAMK University of Applied Sciences and at Guangzhou University by a systematic peer evaluation. During the project the possibilities to develop a master's joint programme or double degree programme within the field of environment will be assessed.

Achieved results and outcomes

- JAMK University of Applied Sciences and Guangzhou University have reached a better understanding and knowledge of their programmes in the area of environmental sciences, management and technology (or similar). The strengths and development areas both in the programmes' contents as well as in their realization, pedagogical methods used, learning environments and administrative practices have been recognized. As a result, both universities have gained several ideas on how to develop their present programmes, either together or independently.
- The universities have planned and briefly tested, in cooperation, joint intensive courses, which are ready for implementation.
- An international network of expertise has been created around the field of environmental (or similar) topics. It includes both university and company professionals from Finland and China.
- Peer review reports have been created for further use and development.
- The universities have agreed a plan for future cooperation.

Activities carried out during the project

- Project meetings with both university staff and students.
- Comparisons of the environmental (or similar) programmes: curriculum planning and quality management activities, programme contents, methods of realization, pedagogical methods, learning environments as well as administrative practices.
- Company and agency visits/meetings both in Jyväskylä and in Guangzhou.
- International networking between the universities.

Future developments, resulting from the project

1. To carry out the development of the curriculum systems of Guangzhou University and JAMK University of Applied Sciences (together or independently).

2. New joint courses to be carried out in co-operation (in Finland or in China) are planned or further developed in the field of environment (or similar).
3. Promoting student and staff exchanges.
4. Cooperating in the planning and realization of "Summer Camp".
5. Expanding the cooperation to other fields at both universities.
6. Research cooperation possibilities.
7. Possible double degree related to the area of environmental management (or similar).