



**Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture  
Campus Diversity and to Support Internationalization @ Home (FRIENDS) REUNION  
Evaluation Summary**

**Date:** August 26, 2022

**Venue:** Prince Bernhard Gym, Saint Louis University, Baguio City

**Number of Participants: 112**

**Profile of the Respondents:**

**Age:** 18 – 28 years old

**Gender:**

Male: 40

Female: 72

**School:**

School of Engineering and Architecture;

School of Accountancy, Management, Computing and Information Studies

1. Please rate the FRIENDS Reunion Event from 1 (Very Low Degree) to 5 (Very High Degree).

1- Very Low; 2- Low Degree;

3- Average Degree; 4- High Degree; 5- Very High Degree

	No Answer	1	2	3	4	5
The amount of information was appropriate for the time allowed.				6 (5.36%)	42 (37.5%)	64 (57.14%)
The pool of speakers improved my knowledge about internationalization.	1 (0.893%)			8 (7.14%)	36 (32.14%)	67 (59.82%)
The information provided was useful	1 (0.893%)			7 (6.25%)	34 (30.36%)	70 (62.5%)

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I learned about what SLU's FRIENDS project is all about.	1 <b>(0.893%)</b>			5 <b>(4.46%)</b>	40 <b>(35.71%)</b>	66 <b>(58.93%)</b>
My knowledge about internationalization at home has improved.	1 <b>(0.893%)</b>			11 <b>(9.82%)</b>	40 <b>(35.71%)</b>	60 <b>(53.57%)</b>
I learned about the relevance of global competence for employability.	1 <b>(0.893%)</b>		1 <b>(0.893%)</b>	7 <b>(6.25%)</b>	34 <b>(30.36%)</b>	69 <b>(61.61%)</b>
I learned about the importance of intercultural engagement.	1 <b>(0.893%)</b>			7 <b>(6.25%)</b>	32 <b>(28.57%)</b>	72 <b>(64.29%)</b>
The overall experience of this activity is positive.	2 <b>(1.79%)</b>			6 <b>(5.36%)</b>	28 <b>(25%)</b>	76 <b>(67.86%)</b>

2. Have you enrolled in or completed the FRIENDS project's Intercultural Awareness & Cultural Diversity Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)?

No: 33 **(29.46%)**

No Answer: 79 **(70.54%) (This is most likely a YES answer)**

3. If done with the MOOC, have you submitted a Digital Storytelling Video to get the Intercultural Passport certificate?

Yes: 17 **(15.18%)**

No: 84 **(75%)**

No Answer: 11 **(9.82%)**

4. What are the main strengths or most valuable/useful aspects of attending this FRIENDS Reunion Event on Internationalization @ Home?

1. The cultural diversity that was represented by the international speakers
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2. the boot campers sharing their experiences
3. The chance to learn more about internationalization and to learn about the experiences of the bootcamp attendee
4. It explains how internationalization is very important nowadays and how going out of the borders and exploring other nations and their culture is important and a nice way to expand your experience and knowledge.
5. Being Intercultural and being diversified
6. Learning new things
7. It expound my knowledge about Internalization and I was inspired by the sharings or boothcamp experiences shared by my fellow students.
8. Interactiveness
9. Knowledge
10. Understanding Other Cultures
11. We will get to understand different cultures, beliefs, and etc from different countries. Also we get to know important information how to apply in the certain job offers in the said program.
12. The speakers who gave us different perspectives about the topic
13. Cultural bonding
14. To hear about the experiences and knowledge when they participated the program.
15. Being able to hear about others' experiences and knowledge when they had participated with the program and generally hearing stories about experiencing different culture is enriching
16. taking the opportunity by respecting one another.
17. Unlike last sem, we saw speakers physically already
18. Acquiring new knowledge from different speakers.
19. The main strengths that I obtain during the event I were able to realize that we could be part of any organization that will benefit our own future career
20. Learning different cultures
21. Giving a perspective on what other cultures are like
22. Learning importance of internalization
23. Getting to know other people from other countries and different perspectives.
24. Personal Development
25. Being able to acquire how important cultural diversity is in our lives as students and how we are able to apply them in our future endeavors.
26. Knowing internationalization
27. The essence of internalization that can be applied in our future career profession
28. Gaining Knowledge
29. Getting to know other nations
30. It is to be enlightened by the thought that It is a wonderful experience to explore and learn the diverse culture of different countries and to be engaged and encouraged to their project
31. Social skills
32. Information



33. To be familiarize in the topic internationalization.
34. Being able to understand and appreciate the cultures of different countries around the world.
35. Attending this kind of event helps me to realize that socializing with other people (not only in my comfort zone) is important to boost my confidence to interact with other people, especially with other countries.
36. The importance of Communication and Culture
37. Communication
38. You are able to socialize with other people
39. Culture and Communication
40. Communication
41. Understanding more about internationalization and the friends program
42. Communication
43. That culture should not be a barrier to socialize with other nationalization.
44. Internalization at home touches everything
45. Addressing the difference between culture, learning the differences and respecting each culture
46. Being able to be more knowledgeable and having a look on the experience of others on internationalization encourages me to be more sociable. It taught me that those who were able to able to engage to people with different culture were able to experience and learn a lot and made a lot of bonds and connection.
47. The information provided was useful
48. One of the aspects that is useful in attending this event is language should not be a barrier in terms of friendship.
49. Learning about internationalization and cultural aspects and what opportunities we have.
50. We get to know other beliefs, traditions, and etc. from different places. We also knew infos about how to apply in job offered in the said event.
51. We get to know each others belief and traditions from different places all over the country and other country, we also learn a lot about how to apply in job offered in the said event
52. We get to know the stories of people who experienced the culture of others.
53. By attending the FRIENDS Reunion Event, it will give you an insight to internationalizariton and intercultural, and the roles of its members or universities to achieve their vision and mission.
54. Break the barrier of what everyone think that because of cultural diversity we can't make friends to other people
55. I got to know more about other culture and it inspires me to appreciate th world even more.
56. I was able to learned about other culture and importance of diversity.
57. Appreciating other cultures
58. Understanding and appreciating cultures from all over the world.
59. To learn more about different culture.
60. Very informative
61. Fun
62. Learning and educating myself on people's other cultures
63. This helps students national or international to know and learn different cultures of the different countries around the world.

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64. It widens my knowledge about many things in life.
65. Being aware of cultural diversity and improving the understanding in internationalization
66. I felt the spirit of socialization
67. Being able to have a sight on other's experience and use it as motivation.
68. I got to experience and understand other cultures via international speakers
69. To learn and educate myself for the provided benefits in my career.
70. Getting motivated
71. It is essential because you can grasp some knowlegde about the speakers' experiences which can inspire and motivate you to be good in your field.
72. I have learn a lot because of the pool of speakers in the event
73. The knowledge and experience
74. Importance of Socializing and understanding internationalization
75. I learned a lot a lot about different culture and importance of diversity. Even though we have different languages and culture I learned that this language barrier is not enough to stop us with interacting with different people.
76. Learning how to be patient and more productive by being more appreciative of what I have.
77. The most valuable aspects in attending the event is the importance of internalization and why it is needed
78. Being able to inform students from different programs.
79. Knowledge
80. It taught me the importance of being aware and being around people of different cultures. It showcases a new perspective on travelling and experiencing different places and traditions that may be outside of our comfort zone.
81. I think that the strengths or valuable aspects of attending this FRIEND'S Reunion Event is that it allowed me to see and learn from the perspective of others how internationalization can play a big part on the growth of a person not only in their careers but also on their life and being itself
82. The chance to talk and hear about the different experiences of the speakers.
83. Internalization
84. One speaker really inspired me. He talked about how big and beautiful the world is, that there are still a lot of good people around the world, and he reminded me to respect everyone, not just my co-filipinos but also the cultures, religions, and traditions of other countries.
85. It's valuable to understand people of different backgrounds can perceive things differently. Especially as we all have our own unique, individual quirks, this can also be applied on a smaller scale at home.
86. Unity
87. Gaining knowledge and insights about other aspects of the world while enculturating myself.
88. Remembering Internationalization at Home
89. We get to know other beliefs, traditions, and etc. from different places. We also knew infos about how to apply in job offered in the said event.
90. The main strength of attending the FRIENDS Reunion Event is it is very informative. All the information that has been presented are all useful in my course, future career, and in my daily life.
91. It teaches us to understand and be able to relate to others, even though their situation is not very familiar to us.
92. The main strength or most valuable/useful aspects is that strengthen the relationship of each



other whatever your culture is. It builds a beautiful memories.
93. Internationalized learning outcomes in the formal curriculum are used to build international and intercultural perspectives. Provides global perspectives to all students, regardless of whether or not they spend time abroad.
94. The most valuable / useful aspects of attending this FRIENDS Reunion Event on Internalization @ Home is to know the culture of the other countries, and how to respect them when you are in there country.
95. It gave me the courage to be more expressive to who I am.
96. We grasp the importance of learning other cultures and live in the moment.
97. The main strengths of this event on internationalization at home improved my knowledge about it
98. It was on the testimonials of the speakers, One thing is on how important is choosing your journey, past and future experience can shaped or help us be able to find our meaning, sense and purpose in life. That those value we get, for example from exploring the world can mold us to be a better person. With the event i also did reflect how we influence different people, culture and come together to create and build innovative ideas.
99. The insightful stories of the speakers that has a positive impact to their audience.
100. I gain knowledge that is useful and I can use it for my future career.
101. the most useful aspect for me is that I was able to learn and gain knowledge especially with the talk of Mr. Lee.

## 5. What areas need further improvement?

1. Audiovisuals.
2. N/A
3. NA
4. None
5. Nothing
6. n/a
7. Excitement in delivering
8. None
9. The sound system as some speakers cannot be heard clearly
10. Participation
11. None
12. n/a
13. Some speakers cannot be understood entirely.
14. The areas that I need to improve is that I should be more omitted in any things that I eed to improve
15. Organization of speech/conversation keeps switching between English and Filipino.



16. n/a
17. None
18. None
19. None
20. It is perfect
21. The platform
22. Delivery of topics
23. None
24. Keep socializing
25. Audience participation
26. None
27. The use of English as the common language was not frequent enough. It made it harder for those who aren't familiar with Filipino to understand the words being said. It isn't necessarily disrespectful, but I feel like the speakers weren't fully aware and weren't considering the language barriers with the foreigners present in the event.
28. To be honest, I don't see any areas to be improved because this FRIENDS event understands and helps people to be more confident to their selves.
29. None
30. None
31. None
32. Speakers should be closer to the audience
33. Socializing
34. None
35. None
36. The screen are flickering and the mic is barely understandable when someone is speaking
37. N/A
38. None
39. The timeline of the program.
40. None
41. None
42. More interactions between the audience and the speaker.
43. I kind of pity the HR Director of TI Philippines, because he did his best in giving a speech, and I am sure that what he was talking about was interesting. However, I don't think that most of the students understood what he was saying because his mic was so far from his mouth, and he has a different native language and accent.
44. n/a
45. Nothing... keep it up
46. None
47. None



48. I think all areas were well created and explained.
49. More activity to interact.
50. None
51. None
52. Pacing if the program
53. None
54. More intermissions
55. None
56. Nothing
57. MORE INTERMISSION PLEASE.
58. None
59. Pacing is slow
60. None
61. None so far.
62. There is none
63. None
64. None
65. None so far
66. None
67. time scheduling.
68. Perhaps some of the speakers can include interactive presentations that are visually pleasing to support their talk.
69. From what I have observed, I think for the other speakers, the placement of the podium a while back was at the very side or corner of the stage which then made some if not a lot of the audience to lose focus on them. Also, just like when sir Lee Majors was speaking, a visual aid was used as he went along his speech which made it interesting, so with that in mind, it would also be good to have visual aid for others that helps the audience visualize whatever it is the speaker is saying or even implying especially if they would only speak on the podium located at the very side of the stage when there is a very screen on the very center of the stage
70. I think the hosts lacked a bit of energy and synchronization among the hosts. Also, the words that they are saying are not that clear.
71. N/A
72. The program was actually good, I saw that the facilitators, instructors, and professors placed a lot of effort in organizing the program but one thing that I was not fond of is the big screen on the stage. My eyes and head hurt when the program was coming to an end because the screen was like glitching or blinking.
73. None
74. None
75. None.
76. None
77. None
78. For me, the seminar was great and was implemented very well.
79. None
80. To encourage more intentional connection with international students.
81. None



82. My knowledge and skills
83. None.
84. None
85. In my opinion all speakers has a clear and understandable talk. No need for improvement maybe more examples and interaction.
86. Some speakers are kinda boring because they are just talking in the side, it will be more good if they will go to front and center of the stage.

6. What other related themes or topics on internationalization would you be interested in?

1. Adapting to a community that has a different dialect.
2. I would be interested in knowing more about other nation's culture and heritage.
3. Eerie practices of different cultures
4. Food and tradition
5. None
6. I'm good
7. n/a
8. Food Culture
9. The industry
10. Robotic international competitions
11. N/A
12. n/a
13. more opportunities and more seminars attend.
14. Culture of different countries
15. More on career based
16. Communication and understanding one another.
17. n/a
18. Culture Diversity
19. I am interested to learn more on how people expand their products beyond their own market.
20. None
21. Diversification
22. Mechatronics
23. Learning the culture and traditions of a certain country specifically Malaysia
24. The satisfaction that they achieve by being a part the university
25. Education
26. The common areas that are shared among the internationalized countries and the aspects that



set them apart. And how these impact the way we interact with and understand other cultures and traditions.
27. The DS video because it caught my attention when I heard about it. But, I don't think so if I can do it.
28. None
29. When we are able to know or study their culture
30. None
31. How to become one of the students who participated in the bootcamp
32. I would be interested on how they expand their interaction with other people despite of difference.
33. Different beliefs of a culture
34. Culture of other countries
35. Different in cultures, norm and facts about the other countries
36. anything
37. Different cultures
38. Coping with cultural differences
39. About businesses world wide
40. About business worldwide
41. None.
42. I am interested to know the diverse beliefs and cultures other nations have.
43. honestly, I am more than contented with all the topics presented.
44. Globalization
45. Globalization and other culture language
46. Globalization
47. Exchange programs or products
48. About encouraging people to interact more and explore the world .
49. Culture Norms
50. Other countries language and culture
51. I'm interested in learning their languages and different foods and cultures.
52. All
53. Knowing cultures
54. All
55. I would be interested in international cuisine.
56. Cultural diversification
57. Cultures presentation of different countries
58. I am interested to hear more from international students or speakers.
59. More about the international culture of a certain country that can benefit us and help us understand them more
60. NONE
61. None so far
62. Learning how to interact and socialize with other people with different backgrounds.
63. None



64. non so far.
65. Different Languages and Religions
66. Ways or opportunities of allowing us, students, to be able to partake in internationalization within our capabilities.
67. I am more interested with the topics such as those talked about by sir Lee Majors a while back and the very insights and perspective of those who were able to experience this internationalization that would encourage and even inspire others to go out there
68. I would be interested on how people adapt to the different cultures of different countries.
69. Traveling
70. Can't think of any - the program covered a lot of aspects in terms of internationalization.
71. Unity among international students
72. None as of now
73. Socialization, in general.
74. About businesses world wide
75. Culture relativism and in-depth understanding of the global world.
76. The topic that I interested is the Intercultural Engagement
77. The relevance and significance of internalization in the in entrepreneurship and in business expansion.
78. I'm not sure yet
79. I haven't decided on it yet
80. I am interested in Intercultural Engagement
81. Cultures that enhance and maximize global trainings and learnings
82. The launching of travel gallery wall and kindness wall.
83. The topic of Mr. Lee, Intercultural Engagement: What's in it for you?