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EVALUATION

1) Class Set-up and Method

I consider this class, Legal System in Korea, to have been very successful. I liked very much the structural setup of the class in every lesson. The sitting arrangement was very professional and innovative; this contributed to a relaxed interaction with the professor. In this way the professor could easily communicate with the students, and the students with him. The teaching method was also very positive. The class was conducted using open discussion. The students had a lot of opportunity and time

to talk with the professor about the Korean Culture and Legal System. The Professor also asked the students for their opinions and suggestions on related matters, and their observation of Korean Life.

Through this, every student had the time or chance to think and to make a comparison with their own country. I did a lot of thinking and had the opportunity to make a comparison of the legal system and culture here in Korea with that of my own country. As a result, I learned a lot about the Korean Culture, especially the Korean response towards foreigners. The class members also did their best by making their contribution and expressing some very useful view on Max Weber's concept. That presentation and

the class discussion gave me a very good idea about the Korean Legal System in the global economy.

The text book itself was very good and the contents easy to understand. I learned a lot about the Korea Legal System, especially from Chapter 5: " The Korean Legal Institutions - The Judicial Structure and its Operations in Korea". This Chapter gave me the overall picture of the Korean judicial structure, which will be very useful to understand about the Legal System in Korea. This insight led me to write about Malaysia's Legal System under the Title of " The Legislature and Judiciary of Malaysia". This I attach to with this evaluation paper for your kind attention.

The professor's contribution to the class was rich and profound. He gave a lot of summaries and information. For example, he gave the class Max Weber's definition of rights: which included terms like:

- mutual social relation
- possibility of the members
- enjoying
- exclusive
- spiritual and material interests
- under its internal orders
- in a continuous way
- is guaranteed
- freedom

behavior approach

The professor started the discussion with the basic concept of the legal system and went deeper in the later stage. This made me very interested in his method of teaching. The professor also asked the students many questions after their presentation, making them think more deeply about their subject or topic. This made the professor and the student to become closer in a friendly manner. For me this was the most important part of this class setup. This situation created some kind of team work among the students themselves, and also with the professor. There was no tension situation as in most of the other classes. This made me more happy. I learned a lot of new terms from this class such as "BATNA". Another interesting aspect of class was the way of doing negotiations(the class on 28/11/96) and the role play by the students. This role play caused the students to talk, think and do a summary of that discussion. The important key points in negotiation, including:

1. separate the people from the problem
2. focus on interests, not position
3. invent positions for mutual gain
4. insist on objective criteria;

are very important in the successful handling of negotiation. These are the things I learned from this legal class. I understood that it is not easy to learn or study and fully understand the legal system within a short period like 12 weeks. However, this legal class gave me the overall, comprehensive picture of the legal system at a macro level and legal system in Korea at a micro level.

Expectations:

Since my educational background consists-in human resource development and also working for Samsung Malaysia in the personnel department, my expectations from this was class not much.

Therefore, the outline or the frame of the legal system should be enough. The nature of my job is more related to the Malaysian Legal System, especially the labor matters. Labor matters are always referred to

the Industrial Court. Therefore, to understand the overall picture of the Korea Legal System should be enough. Maybe in near future it may help me if I do business with Korean people, or get transferred to Samsung Head Quarters in Korea. Therefore, what I have learned from this class will be sufficient for my present needs.

Future Plan

I will go back to Malaysia on 20/12/96 and will continue my career with Samsung Malaysia. At this moment I cannot forecast Samsung's future plans for me; also do not know what my own plans will be. If Samsung Malaysia sends me to Samsung Head Quarters in Korea to work, then I will contact Prof. Moosang Kim in order to get some legal advice on Korean Legal System related matters. Finally, I would like to make the point that I have no intention to study formally any more because the time has already come for me to concentrate on my career and my family.