



Questionnaire for Heads / Administrators of Elderly Education Providers

Please put a tick 「✓」 in the appropriate box.

Section A: Background Information

- The approximate number of U3As in your country is _____.

Less than 50	51 - 100	101-150	
151 - 200	more than 200		
- The estimated percentage of older persons taking continuing education (CE) courses in your country is ...

0-5%	6-10%	11-15%	>15%
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Section B: Public Policy On Lifelong Education (You may tick more than one box in each question.)

- What is your government's attitude towards continuing education (CE) for older persons?

Strongly encourages older persons to take CE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourages non-government organizations to run CE for older persons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has no strong views on CE for older persons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Considers CE as laissez-faire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please specify): _____	
- Is there any government policy for running CE for older persons?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (answer the next question)
No <input type="checkbox"/> (go to question 7)
- Which category does this government policy belong to?

Education policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please specify): _____	

6. What are the policy objectives in CE for older persons?
- Increase older persons' academic knowledge
 - Increase older persons' technical knowledge
 - Assist older persons to achieve skills for re-employment
 - Improve older persons' quality of life
 - Improve older persons' health status
 - Others (please specify): _____
7. Which of the following party/ies is/are currently responsible for running CE for older persons?
- Government's Education Department
 - Government's Social Welfare Department
 - Government's Health department
 - Government's Voluntary groups
 - Universities
 - Others (please specify): _____
8. What forms of supports do you obtain from your supporting party/ies?
- | | Government | Non-Government |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Provide staffing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provide financial support | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provide venue | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Design curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monitor the quality of the course | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Others (please specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
9. Do older persons need to pay for a U3A course?
- Yes The average course fee is _____.
- No
10. Is any fund, such as a national trust fund, set up to support the operation of U3A?
- Yes (answer the next question)
- No (go to Section C)
11. Who is the stakeholder of this type of fund?
- Government
 - Non-Government organizations
 - U3A members
 - Others (please specify): _____

Section C: Information about Your U3A (You may tick more than one box in question 13-18.)

12. Your U3A aims to serve people aged...

- 50 or above 55 or above 60 or above
 65 or above 70 or above

13. Your source of financial support is from...

		% of total cost expenditure
Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Private donations	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Course fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Independent funds (e.g. National Trust Fund)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Others (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

14. In addition to the financial support, you also obtain the following support from the government and non-government sectors:

	Government	Non-Government
Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Venue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Who makes the decision to develop new courses / activities?

- U3A members Teachers
 University faculty members Government
 Others (please specify): _____

16. Who teaches the courses in your U3A?

- U3A members Professional experts
 University faculty members Volunteers
 Others (please specify): _____

17. How do you promote U3A?

- Government departments Newspaper / magazine
 T.V. / Radio Internet
 Others (please specify): _____

18. What are your difficulties in running U3A?

- Lack of government support to U3A members
- Lack of funding
- Lack of qualified teachers
- Lack of venue
- Lack of structured programme
- Lack of experience in designing curriculum
- Lack of members
- Insufficient training to teachers
- Difficult to communicate well with older persons
- Others (please specify): _____

19. Please circle the level of popularity of the following U3A courses.

	Most Popular	Popular	Not Popular	Least Popular
Hobbies and interests courses (e.g. painting course, dancing course)	1	2	3	4
Skills courses (e.g. computer course, home maintenance course)	1	2	3	4
Knowledge driven courses (e.g. language course, health-related course)	1	2	3	4
Courses leading to recognized qualifications (e.g. certification, diploma)	1	2	3	4
Courses leading to re-employment (e.g. office administration course)	1	2	3	4

20. In view of current policy on elderly continuing education, I have the following additional opinion:

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Thank you for your co-operation!