Results from the WIT Participant Survey

To date the WIT Survey has been completed by 188 participants (out of 250) from the Asia region. Below are the results of the survey halfway through the Women In Technology pilot program (February 2005).

When asked:

Are you learning skills that will be valuable to you in your future career?
91% responded "Yes"
9% responded "Maybe/Somewhat"
0% responded "No"

Would you recommend this course (the Cisco Networking Academy course) to other women?
96% responded "Yes"
3.5% responded "Maybe"
0.5% responded "No"

Did you meet people in the training with whom you will stay in contact, collaborate or work with in the future?
61% responded "Yes"
29% responded "Maybe"
10% responded "No

Did you find it beneficial to study in a class with women only?
58.5% responded "Yes"
32% responded "Somewhat"
9.5% responded "No"

Do you think that the training will help you achieve greater economic security and independence?
84% responded "Yes"
16% responded "Maybe"
0% responded "No"

Are you willing to serve as a mentor or role model to girls and women interested in pursuing a career in Information Technology?
92% responded "Yes"
7.5% responded "Maybe"
0.5% responded "No"

How do you find the level of difficulty of the training?
87% responded "Challenging, but right for my level"
7% responded "Too difficult"
6% responded "Easy/not difficult or challenging at all"

How would you rate the CCNA curriculum and course work?
40% responded "Excellent"
42% responded "Very good"
17% responded "Good"
1% responded "Fair"
0% responded "Unsatisfactory"

Have the instructors been helpful to your and your classmates?
80% responded "Yes, very helpful"
20% responded "Yes, somewhat helpful"
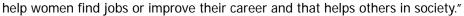0% responded "No, not helpful"

Participant Quotes

"Ours is a very poor country, here the women are very much neglected. The WIT program is bring opportunities to women to change their lives and be independent."
American International University Bangladesh (AIUB)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

"Women are capable but financially poor in Nepal so this program helps the women in these areas to rise."
Prime College
Kathmandu, Nepal

"If I am (was) not provided this scholarship I (would) never follow this sort of valuable course. For this great help I am very much grateful to the US government. There will be many others like me here in developing countries who (would) like to study but don't have financial ability. By providing this sort of scholarship the US government helps to improve the knowledge in IT field and it will help women find jobs or improve their career and that helps others in society."
Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)
Colombo, Sri Lanka

AUST Class, Bangladesh

"This is a great way to help expand the benefits for women in the world. As an affluent nation, the US government has done a great job by choosing to provide this scholarship for women in underdeveloped countries."
Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

"Women benefit from the program and are able to build up their professional career which will be effective for the society. Poverty, terrorism and fundamentalism will be reduced rapidly."
American International University Bangladesh (AIUB)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

"Well this course has certainly developed a sense of confidence in me. I have gained more knowledge in the field of networking and have been able to interact with many people in the field of technology here. The course is very rigorous and it makes one very apt in networks."
Prime College
Kathmandu, Nepal

"I am thinking to open a training center for computing using the network skills. The community I am living in is considered poor and there are many young guys unemployed and doing nothing except drinking. So I am committed to do something for them to improve their lives and help for themselves."
Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST)
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

MUST - Mongolia

"In an online world, knowledge and skill in IT has become a survival competency for information professionals. I hope I contribute to automate libraries in Mongolia."
Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST)
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"I think that if I can be trained up properly from that I will be able to do many things for my community such as open a computer learning academy in my village only for poor women. It's my dream"
Sylhet University of Engineering and Technology (SUST)
Sylhet, Bangladesh

"Now I will be able to stand myself as a role model of the IT sector as a woman and it will inspire most other women to involve them in IT sector with their efficiency and skill."
Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET)
Chittagong, Bangladesh

"The challenges faced are the people in this field does not easily trust a woman in this field so it is hard for us to work and show our talent."
Prime College
Kathmandu, Nepal

"Women cannot compete with males because they lack knowledge in IT.
As financial problem they cannot take any training in IT."
American International University Bangladesh (AIUB)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Je tiens à vous remercier vivement:
*pour avoir conçu ce programme permettant aux femmes maghrébines d'accéder à une formation de renommé .
*et pour m'avoir choisi d'être parmi elles.
Dans l'espoir de réussir cette formation,veuillez agréer mes salutations les plus respectueuses!
Tunis, Tunisie

Rabat, Morocco

"WIT program is useful to women and this program can change life of women and they can hope for a brite future. Please keep it in our country. Thank you Cisco. Thank you US government."
Kathmandu College of Management (KCM)
Lalitpur, Nepal

"Encouraging women by this scholarship is like a blessing for a country like Bangladesh. I hope it to be continued."
Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET)
Chittagong, Bangladesh

"I am willing to share my knowledge and skills. I will try to design and implement small networks for small organizations if they want."
Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)
Colombo, Sri Lanka

"Je vous remercie infiniment de me sélectionner et de m'octroyer cette bourse si chère et si indispensable pour lancer ma carrière professionnelle .Je vous remercie également pour votre sincérité , sagesse , solidarité et surtout patience .Merci pour tout.
Alger, Algerie

"Through this program my dreams will come true. It will be a great milestone for my career. Through this technology women will bring a revolutionary change in their life style. After completing the course I will help poor rural areas women who are deprived from education and technology."
Dhakat, Bangladesh

"This training is very important for me because here in Nepal there is not training like this for women. This training is very useful for my future career. I hope it will change my life."
Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University
Lalitpur, Nepal