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Letter of Recommendation

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to recommend multimedia consultant Karin Stowe, who led a training course on video production by citizen journalists for my World Bank project with the Mekong River Commission, the Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management Project, back in late 2016/17.

It was a week-long intensive training course (with consultation for 2 months after) on how to make a video story by people in the two lake communities in Cambodia and Thailand, where participants learnt everything about video making from developing a storyline to shooting in the field and editing footage for publication. The training was a kick-off event to share knowledge of community-based water management between the two neighbouring countries through joint video production and exchange video screening.

Karin was excellent in planning the course structure and materials based on needs assessment of about 20 participants and logistical conditions on the ground. He provided the trainees adequate guidance on equipment and tips on planning of potential stories and filming locations. The training was also well organized with easy-to-follow lectures, hands-on activities and guides, and field trips for shooting and video editing in class. Even when we faced challenges during the training, Karin remain flexible to adjust the program to cover all necessary training steps. His care for the participants went beyond the workshop. He not only provided tailored comments on each product of the participants, even for those who submitted way after the deadline, but also edited and demonstrated how to fine-tune them for online publication and public screening. Needless to say, Karin received the highest remarks by participants in the post-workshop evaluation.

Karin is the best instructors I worked with at the communications training initiatives I organized for the IWRM projects. I'm very much convinced that he would offer another excellent training course on video production for any project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards,

Yuko Maeda

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuko Maeda'.

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