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Exploring the Benefits and Challenges of International Student Exchange Programs: Perspectives from Student Teachers

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Outline of the Presentation

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Methods
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- 4 Discussion and Conclusion

1. Introduction

University degrees no longer
guarantee employment

Importance of additional
employability skills

Need for internationalization in
Vietnamese higher education

Benefits of international student
exchange programs



1. Introduction

Research Questions



How do Can Tho University student teachers benefit from international student exchange programs?

What challenges do international exchange student teachers face?

2. Methods

Participants

- 56 student teachers from Can Tho University

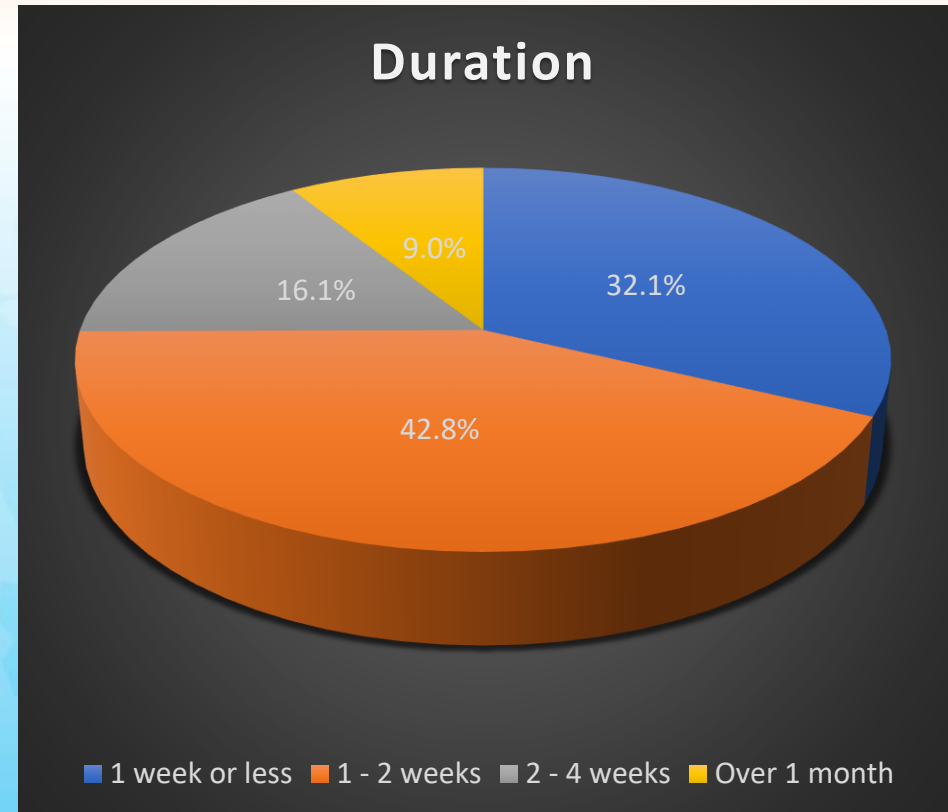
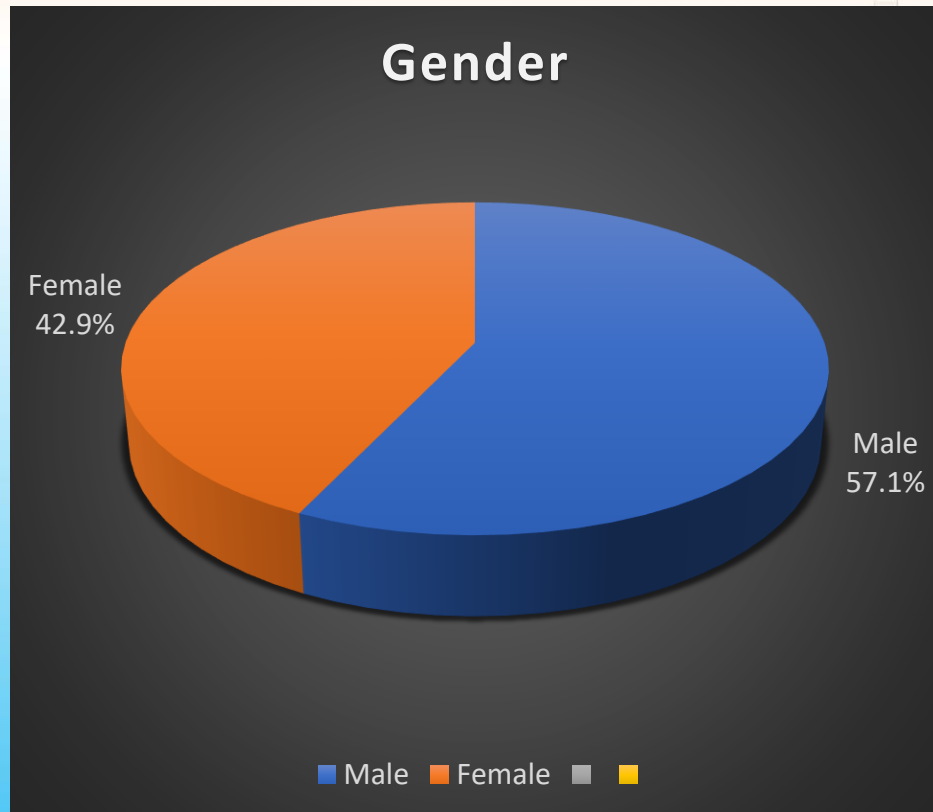
Data Collection

- Survey questionnaire

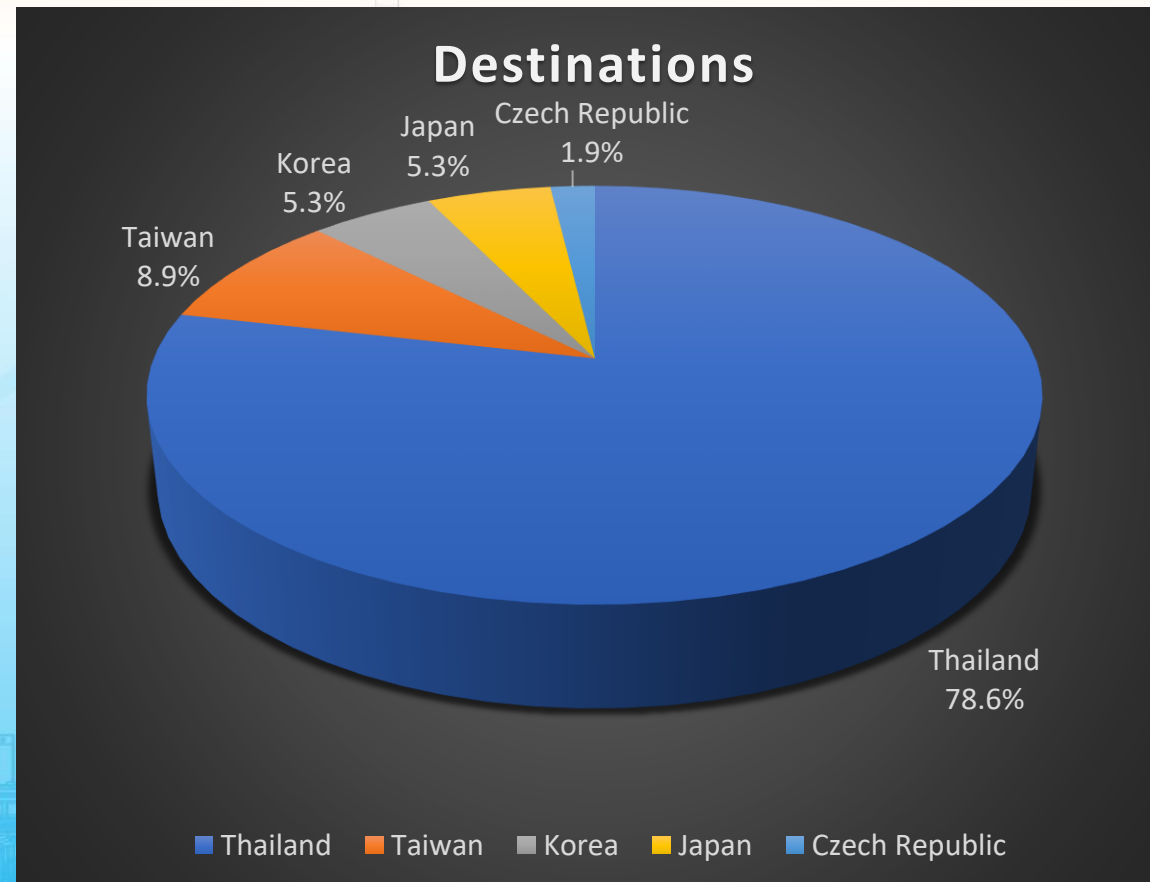
Data Analysis

- Descriptive and inferential statistics using SPSS

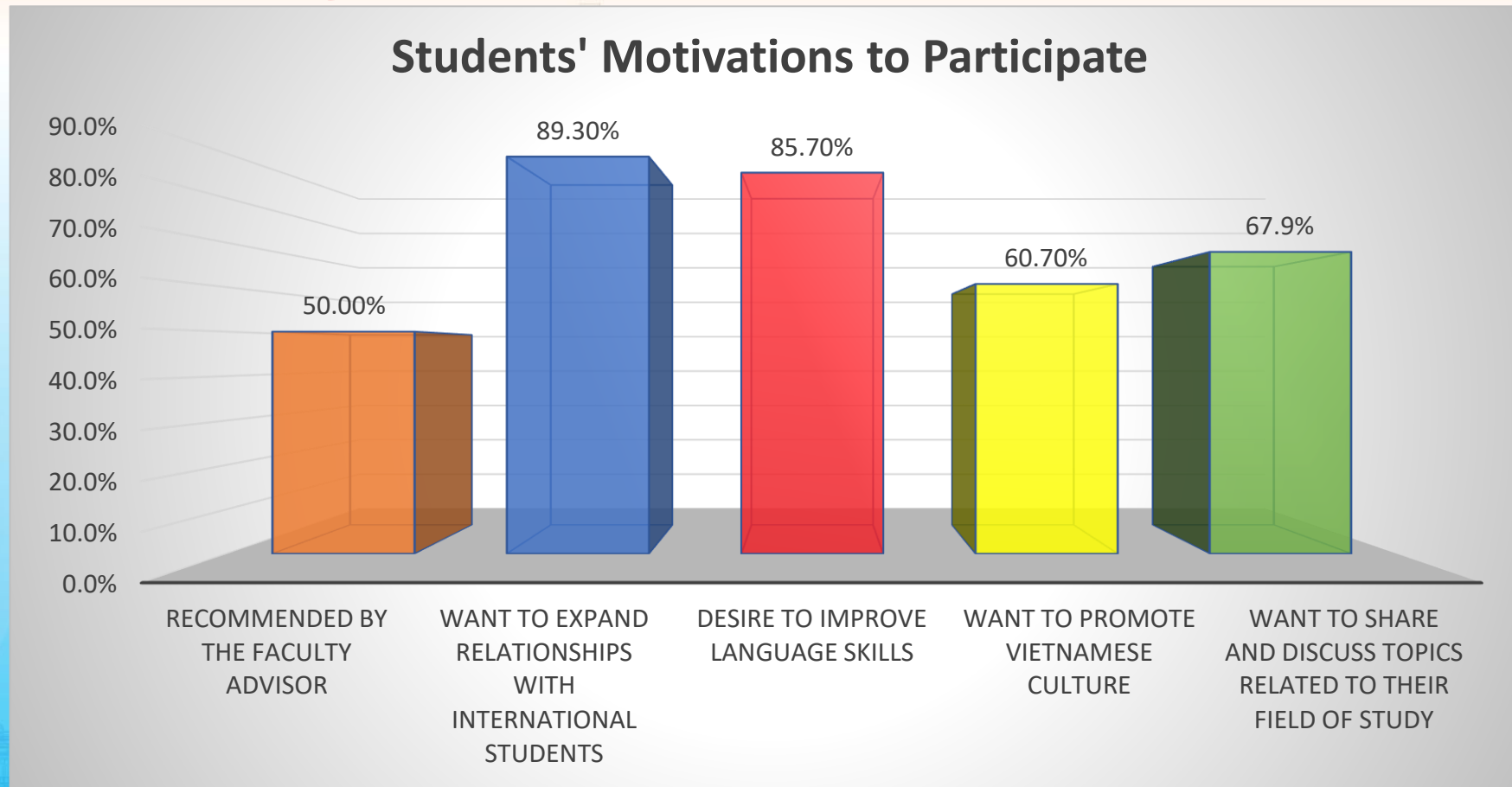
3. Findings



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Perceived Benefits of Exchange Programs

Categories	Mean	SD	Ranking
1. Cultural immersion and understanding	4.00	1.186	5
2. International friendship building	4.00	1.217	5
3. Acquisition of independent living skills	4.21	1.258	1
4. Global perspective development	4.21	1.287	1
5. Improved critical thinking abilities	4.14	1.239	2
6. Easy adaptation to new environments	3.79	1.258	8

3. Findings

Perceived Benefits of Exchange Programs

Categories	Mean	SD	Ranking
7. Acquisition of valuable future work skills	3.93	1.215	6
8. English language skills acquisition/ progression	4.07	1.215	3
9. Teamwork skills enhancement	4.00	1.217	5
10. Opportunities for self-evaluation	4.04	1.232	4
11. Growth in maturity and confidence	3.89	1.227	7
12. Integration into a multicultural environment	4.04	1.232	4
13. Preparedness to become a global citizen	3.89	1.227	7

3. Findings

Challenges Faced by Students

Categories	Percentage
1. Language barrier	67.9%
2. Weather conditions	32.1%
3. Cultural customs and traditions	17.9%
4. Working methods	21.4%
5. Working hours	25.0%
6. Food	25.0%
7. Accommodation	10.7%
8. Workload	14.3%

3. Findings

Challenges Faced by Students

Categories	Percentage
9. Lack of expertise in teaching or working	75.0%
10. Lack of new knowledge abroad	21.4%
11. Insufficient teaching skills	25.0%
12. Inadequate curriculum content	67.9%
13. Lack of interaction between teachers and students in class	14.3%
14. Lack of skills for laboratory work	28.6%
15. Inadequate lesson planning	75.0%
16. Limited interaction between teachers and students in class	89.3%

4. Discussion

Benefits: Align with previous research

- Cultural exchange, personal growth, professional development, expanded network

Challenges: New findings

- First-time experience abroad, the context of student teachers, teaching challenges, new educational systems

4. Implications and Recommendations

Importance of addressing challenges and leveraging benefits

Strategies for language support and cultural adaptation

Enhancing teaching and curriculum content

Promoting interaction and skill development

5. Conclusion

**Summary of
key findings**

**Significance of
the study for
international
education and
teacher training**

**Closing
remarks and
potential for
future research**



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