

Conclusions

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Below is the conclusion:

“First of all, thank you for the tutorial. In this training, there were examples of using materials that are easily applicable and can be obtained with low expenditures. I think it is an excellent teaching material, especially by taking the surroundings of the school and showing the directions and the sunrise and sunset points. This material was also helpful in helping students' self-awareness perception.”

“In this session, we reviewed some of the activities and materials that I found most impressive during the entire training. One of them is the horizon model. I had never studied astronomy before and it seems that I had not pondered many things since childhood and experienced new observations and awareness. The horizon model is one of the materials that I plan to use at school. We even took 360-degree panoramic photography. Now it remains to observe the movement of the sun and determine its course.

Another mind-blowing material is the stellar demonstrator. I hope to do regular activities by dedicating some of my classes to astronomy in the next academic year. We will prepare an astronomer case with the children and I am sure this material will be one of the most used. It was difficult even for me the first time to use it, and I realized that I did not fully understand the movement of the sun beforehand. I will help my students as much as I can to raise awareness while they are still young. In the photos shared during our lessons, I saw wooden and larger models of these materials. In the long run, I hope to be able to produce these models and use them in my classroom.

In the last part of the astroculture training, the positioning of old architectural structures depending on the movement of the sun was mentioned. This training was inspiring for me because there are many ancient settlements around where I live. It will be more meaningful for me to visit these places now. In the places I go, I will examine whether there are applications similar to the architectural structures mentioned in the training. In the long term, I may have the chance to organize trips to these places with my students.

A while ago I learned that there is a sundial in an ancient city very close to where I live. I did not manage to find this sundial while I was visiting there, but I will keep trying.”