

Appendix: Interview Questions

1. Where did you study, and for how long?
2. Why did you decide to go study overseas?
3. Did the military directly use your educational experience in your jobs?
4. Did you use your foreign language skills in your subsequent jobs?
5. Did your superiors recognize your experience?
6. Did they value your overseas education?
7. What do you think the institutional attitude is towards overseas military education? Positive, mixed or negative?
8. In your impression, will overseas educational experience help a career? Or will it hurt it? Does it depend on the career field?
9. Do you see a difference in the way different services approach overseas education?
10. Do you think you learned a lot about your host country and its culture?
11. Do you think there is military value in understanding the culture of your host country?
12. Do you think there is military value in understanding the language of your host country?
13. For your military experience, which do you think was more important: the content of the education you received, or the language and cultural experience you gained?
14. Which do you think is more useful to the military, overall?
15. Can you generalize about the attitude in the Taiwanese military towards foreign education? Is it inline with Taiwanese society?
16. Can you generalize about what your peers thought of your experience?
17. Can you generalize about what your superiors thought?
18. Did it make you a better leader? Did it make you more effective?
19. Did you come back and see your own culture and military differently? If so, how?
20. Did you learn lessons from your time overseas that could be applied in your military

experience?

21. Do you think that overseas military education for Taiwanese officers improves the national defense?
22. Do the private and educational relationships formed with foreigners contribute to the ROC's security? If so, how?
23. Overall, would you recommend overseas study to young officers?
24. Should the ROC continue to send officers and cadets overseas?
25. Should the opportunities for overseas study be increased, kept the same, or decreased?