Public Goods

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❖A good whose consumption by any one person does not reduce the amount available for others; it can be consumed concurrently by many individuals at the same time.

Role Play

- Two of you will be my assistant, which will be responsible for:
 - **≻**Recording
 - **≻**Calculating
 - >in-charge of the meeting





❖The others will have \$100 to invest in two assets.

Return of Asset A

- *Asset A pays a fixed return of 5 percent on your own investment.
- **♦ Return Rate: own investment** x 5 %
 - >Example: If you have invest \$100 in Asset A, your return is:

$$100x5\% = 5$$

Return of Asset B

❖ 1 0 % of the total investment of Asset B will be divided equally among all students in the class.

***Return Rate:**

Total Investment of Asset B x 1~0~% ÷No. of students in class

Return of Asset B

★ Example 1: Assume that there is 40 students in our class, each of them invest \$100 in Asset B, then the return of each of them is:

$$100x40x10\% \div 40 = 10$$

❖Example 2: Assume that there is 40 students in our class, only 10 of them invest \$100 in Asset B, then the return of each of them is :

$$100x10x10\% \div 40 = 2.5$$

Reward System

- ❖Please divide your money to invest between the assets in any way you choose.
- At the end of each round, students who can earn the top three highest returns can have a prize.

將投資決定表分派給每位同學。

Rules of the First Round

- ❖You will have 1 minute to make your decision.
- Discussion is prohibited.
- Write down your decision on the Investment Decision Slip.
- Don't need to write you name down the Investment Decision Slip.

向同學展示投資決定表。

After 1 minute

- *Give your Investment Decision Slip to the classmate sits next to you.
- *Ask him/her to calculate the return of your investment in Asset A and write it down on your Profit Record Slip.

- ❖ Pass all your Investment Decision Slips to me in order to calculate how much the whole class have invested in Asset B and the return each one of you can get.
- *Record your return from Asset B on their Profit Record Slips and calculate their own total returns.

Rules of the Second Round

*You will have another investment Everything is the same, but you can communicate with others this time.

♦ You will have 5 minutes for your discussion. ♠

派發另一張投資決定單和利潤記錄表給每一位同學。

After 5 minutes

- *Give your Investment Decision Slip to the classmate sits next to you.
- *Ask him/her to calculate the return of your investment in Asset A and write it down on your Profit Record Slip.

- ❖ Pass all your Investment Decision Slips to me in order to calculate how much the whole class have invested in Asset B and the return each one of you can get.
- Record your return from Asset B on their Profit Record Slips and calculate their own total returns.

- 1. 將表一投影出來或放大張貼在黑/白板上。
- 2. 助手協助記錄及計算的工作。
- 3. 助手可以隨意將各數據記錄在表一中的第一欄內,無需記下投資者的姓名。

- *Who put all your money to invest in Asset A in the first round?
- ***Why?**
- **♦ Who put all your money to invest in Asset B in the first round?** ←
- **∜Why?**

- **♦ Who invested both assets?**
- **∜Why?**
- *How's the distribution of your investment?

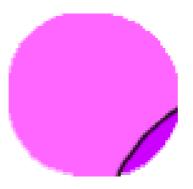


- In the meeting, what did you discuss?
- Any agreement about the investment decision was made?
- If yes, what is your agreement and why did you make this agreement?
- Did everyone commit to the agreement?

- *What is the optimal investment decision for the class?
- **♦Why couldn't the class reach** this optimal investment decision?

Free Rider

*a person who consumes a good without paying for it.



❖Are there any differences between the features of investing in Asset B with that of paying for a public good.

