



Community-based Microcredit and Sufficiency Economy Development
(Priority for Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)
Member Countries)

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TICA : Thailand International Cooperation Agency

is a national focal point for Thailand's international development cooperation. TICA was established in 2004 to realize Thailand's aspiration to be a contributor of development cooperation. Believing that global challenges are best addressed by international cooperation and global partnership, today we continue to strengthen our contribution to achieve global development agenda through various capacity-building and human resources development programmes. In response to the recent changes in the global landscape of development cooperation, especially through the concept of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, TICA continues to realign our focuses in order to deliver Thailand's commitment to be a relevant partner in global agendas including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

AITC : Annual International Training Course

was initiated in 1991 as a framework in providing short-term training for developing partners. Today, the AITC remains one of TICA's flagship programmes. It offers not only a training experience, but also a platform in exchanging ideas and establishing professional network among participants from across the developing world. Aiming at sharing Thailand's best practices and experience to the world, the AITC training courses focus on development topics of our expertise currently categorized under five themes namely; **"Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" or SEP, Food Security, Public Health, Climate Change, and Other topics related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

**Community Development Department,
Ministry of Interior**

Founded in 1962, the Community Development Department, Ministry of Interior is tasked to improve rural people's quality of lives by promoting participation and self-improvement. One of the Department's success projects is the introduction of the income generating programs such as the community saving group. It has proved to sustainably generate substantive income for community and enable them to conduct a number of their long-term development projects in response to their particular needs. Moreover, it is also one of the best practices in the application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) in tackling the country's developmental challenges.

AITC Theme : SEP

This training course falls under the AITC theme – "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" or SEP. SEP is an approach for sustainable development which espouses moderation, reasonableness and prudence as development framework based on knowledge and virtue. The Philosophy stresses the importance of human development at all levels and also emphasizes the need to strengthen community's capacity to ensure a balanced way of life and resilience, with full respect for the environment. As an approach and mind-setting framework, we believe that SEP can be applied to all 17 SDGs. Therefore, over the recent years, Thailand has shared with international community the application of SEP, our home-grown approach to sustainable development.

Course Objectives

This training course aims at sharing Thailand's experiences in applying Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) to community sustainable development using microcredit programme. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Understand concept of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) and its application for sustainable community development.
- Understand how to apply SEP in microcredit programme for community and economic development.
- Be able to apply SEP concept in the case of their respective countries.
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Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- Lecture;
- Group Discussion;
- Study visit.

Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation.
- Advance assignment - Submission and presentation of "Country Report" which contains information on community development situation in their respective countries.
- Attendance - Participants are required to attend all activities organized during the course. TICA reserves the rights to revoke its fellowship offered or take appropriate action in case a participant is in attendance of less than 90 percent of the training hours.

Course Outline

This training course focuses on application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) to community-based and economic development. Topics of the training are such as;

- Introduction to Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) theory;
- Concept of microcredit;
- Savings group for production credit in Thailand;
- Poverty alleviation project;
- Sufficiency economy development through community – based enterprise;
- Grassroots economic development for poverty reduction;
- People – centered development approach to rural economic development and poverty reduction and;
- Community empowerment.

Participant Criteria

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in "Guideline for Thailand's Annual International Training Course Programme" No. 2 "Qualifications" and currently working with at least five-year experience in community/rural development or relevant fields.

Application

- Candidates must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories.
- Complete nomination documents must be submitted to TICA through the Royal Thai Embassy/ Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations/Royal Thai Consulate-General accredited to eligible countries/territories.

(See "List of Eligible Countries" for more information)

Number of Participants

20 persons

Training Institution and Venue

Community Development Department,
Ministry of Interior,
Bangkok.

Selection and Confirmation

- Selection of participants will be given priority to applicants from the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) member countries.
- Particular attention shall be paid to the candidates' background, their current position, and practical use they expect to make of the knowledge and experience gained from training on the return to their positions.
- Selection of participants is also based on geographical distribution and gender balance.
- Successful applicants will be informed approximately 4 weeks before the beginning of training course.
- Successful applicants must return duly completed and signed acceptance form by the deadline to confirm their participation in the programme.

Terms of Awards

AITC Training Fellowship* include training fee, return economy-class, airfare, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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