



**Moving Local Agricultural Products from Self-Sufficiency Production
and Household Consumption to Market by “Sufficiency Economy” Approach**

(5 seats for Colombo Plan Member Countries)

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Closing date for application : 27 July 2018

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).**

Khon Kaen University

Khon Kaen University (KKU) was established in 1964 and has been the major university in the Northeast of Thailand. The University is also one of the nine national research universities in Thailand and an educational center in the Mekong sub-region. KKU currently has over 40,000 students (including 500 overseas students), studying in 17 faculties, 1 satellite campus, 1 school, and 3 colleges and in 43 International/English programs which cover a wide variety of disciplines. This training course will be conducted by the Faculty of Agriculture. The Faculty is fully equipped with advance laboratories, one on-campus, two off-campus research stations, five Research Excellence Centers and ten Research Groups.

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 knowledge and experiences in sustainable local agricultural production and management. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Understand concept of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) as sustainable development approach,
- Understand how to apply SEP for sustainable agriculture.
- Be able to apply knowledge gained to the case of their respective countries.

Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- Lecture;
- Practical exercise;
- Field visit.

Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation.
- Submission and presentation of "Country Report" which include information on the management of local agricultural product of participant's respective country.
- Course assignment
- 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 how to apply Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) to promote sustainable agriculture . Topics of the training are such as;

- Local agricultural products, production and utilization;
- Application of SEP on production technology and other technological issues;
- Application of SEP on small-medium scale financial management and marketing issues;
- Application of SEP on natural resource and environmental issues;
- Application of SEP on leadership and human resource development.

Participant Criteria

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in "Guideline for Thailand's Annual International Training Course Programme" No. 2 "Qualifications" as well as following qualifications;

- Currently working with at least five years experience in agricultural sciences, extension, rural development, agricultural economics and marketing or relevant fields.
- Universities graduated or possess an equivalent academic background in agriculture (plant science, agronomy, horticulture, agricultural extension) or related fields.
- Under 45 years of age.

Application

- Candidates must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories as well as Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Singapore and United States of America by the closing date for application.
- 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

Faculty of Agriculture,
Khon Kaen University,
Khon Kaen.

Selection and Confirmation

- Selection of participants will be given priority to applicants from Colombo Plan member countries (5 seats).
- 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

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

For Non-AITC-Eligible Colombo Plan Member Countries - AITC Training Fellowship* include training fee, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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