Thailand’s Annual International Training Course (AITC)
Course Information

Sufficiency Economy Practices in Community-based and Economic Development
6 May - 7 June 2019

Closing date for application : 16 March 2019

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,

Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University

Founded in 1943, Faculty of Economics at Kasetsart University is one of the most well-known economics institutions in Thailand. The Faculty consists of 3 departments - (1) Department of Economics (2) Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (3) Department of Cooperatives. It currently offers 5 Undergraduate Programmes, 5 Master Programmes and 2 PhD. Programmes.

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
Public Health, Climate Change, and Other topics related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Course Objectives
This training course aims at sharing Thailand’s experiences in applying Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) to community-based and economic development. At the end of this course, participants are expected to:

- Understand concept of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) and its application for sustainable development.
- Understand linkage between SEP and economic concepts/theories.
- Understand how to apply SEP in community and economic development through case studies.
- Be able to apply monitoring and evaluation tools for SEP projects.
- Be able to apply SEP concept in the case of their respective countries.

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 and relevant economic theories;
- SEP in Community-based and Economic Development;
- SEP application in different economic settings;
- Monitoring and Evaluation tool for SEP projects;

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”.
- Report - on a possible application of the SEP to their respective countries/territories.
- Project Assignment - Submission and presentation of group and individual project assignments.
- Reading Assignment - Thailand Review: Sufficiency Economy
- 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

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.
in case a participant is in attendance of less than 90 percent of the training hours.

Application
- Candidates must be nominated/endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories as well as Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and United Arab Emirates.
- 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)

Selection and Confirmation
- Selection of participants will be given priority to applicants from ACD 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.

Number of Participants
20 persons

Training Institution and Venue
Faculty of Economics,
Kasetsart University.

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.

* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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For more information on qualifications, application forms, and application procedures, please visit our website at