

Thailand's Annual International Training Course (AITC) 2017

Microcredit and Sufficiency Economy Development

I. Course Title: Microcredit and Sufficiency Economy Development

*(Priority to Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Member Countries and
Mekong - Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Member Countries)*

II. Duration: 20 August – 2 September 2017 (14 days)

III. Closing date for application: 2 June 2017

IV. Background and Rational

For developing countries, poverty in rural areas is the main problem facing the government. To reduce poverty, the government is searching ways, methods and strategies to uplift the people's well-being and empower communities to become more self-reliant. It can be said that solving the problems of poverty is a very challenging task.

Sufficiency Economy Philosophy or SEP is the philosophy that is directed at all levels of people's lives: from individual, family, community, and country. It stresses the need to carry on their lives and duties using the middle path. For poor rural people in Thailand, the SEP philosophy serves as a guiding light for their self-help, sustainable and a stable life-style.

Over the past four decades, the Community Development Department, Ministry of Interior of Thailand has been working to help rural Thai communities to improve their quality of living and to encourage their participation in the development process of the country. Throughout those years, the Department has gained a lot of experience in solving rural development problems, such as in tackling poverty and in preventing environmental degradation. One of our success stories is the introduction of the innovative income generating programs such as the community saving group. It has proved to sustainably generate a substantive income for the community and enable them to conduct a number of their long-term development projects in response to their particular needs. Moreover, it can be claimed as one of the best practice in application of the SEP in tackling the country's developmental challenges.

V. Course Objectives

- To provide a forum for all participants to share views and exchange ideas on
- micro credit and sufficiency economy development, community empowerment and poverty reduction
- To encourage the participants to understand the concepts of micro credit sufficiency economy, community and economy development, community empowerment and poverty reduction
- To provide participants with understanding of the SEP philosophy and concept of micro credit and sufficiency economy development
- To encourage participants to apply the knowledge and experiences gained to use in their own case.

VI. Course Contents

6.1 Course outline

- (1) Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy
- (2) Concept of Micro credit
- (3) Savings Group for Production Credit in Thailand
- (4) Roles and Responsibilities of Community Development Department with relating to Sufficiency Economy Development and micro credit
- (5) Poverty Alleviation Project
- (6) Sufficiency Economy Development through Community – Based Enterprise
- (7) Grassroots Economic Development for Poverty Reduction
- (8) Rural Economic Development via OTOP
- (9) People – Centered Development Approach to Rural Economic Development and Poverty Reduction
- (10) Community Empowerment

6.2 Study Trips

Visits to model communities implementing SEP through micro credit in Bangkok and other nearby provinces.

6.3 Advance Assignments

Participants are required to prepare the country report on the situation of community development in their countries.

VII. Number of Participants: 20 persons

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VIII. Qualifications

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in “Guideline for Thailand’s Annual International Training Course Programme” No. 2 “Qualifications” and must have working experience in relevant field: have more than 5 years of occupational experience in the relevant field.

Apart from the AITC eligible countries/territories, nomination of candidates from the following ACD member countries is welcomed;

- Bahrain
- Brunei Darussalam
- Japan
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- United Arab Emirates

Successful candidates from the above-mentioned countries will be offered an award which covers domestic cost (accommodation, allowance, social program, insurance and airport meeting service) during the period of training in Thailand

IX. Application

- Nomination must be made by central government agencies in charge of nomination of national candidates (such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs) **or** by relevant central government

agencies for which the nominated candidates currently work. Nomination must be in line with relevant rules and regulations of the nominating countries/territories.

- Each eligible countries/territories are invited to nominate up to two (2) candidates per course.

- The application 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/Territories”)

For more information on qualifications, application forms, and application procedures, please visit our website at <http://www.tica.thaigov.net/main/en/information/73803-Annual-International-Training-Course.html>

X. Evaluation

Participants are required to attend all activities organized during the course as attendance in all sessions is obligatory. TICA reserves the rights to revoke its fellowship offer or take appropriate action deemed appropriate in case a participant is in attendance of less than 90 percent of the training hours. Moreover, Pre-test and Post-test will be conducted during the training.

XI. Training Institution:

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