



Sufficiency Economy Philosophy: Tools and Application for Sustainable Community Development

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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 programs. 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 programs. 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).

Maejo University (MJU)

is one of most reputable agricultural institutions in Thailand that offer study programmes and deliver research innovations focused towards development that is sustainable, sufficient and environment friendly. MJU, an agricultural-based higher educational institute, is strategized to be a leading university especially in organic agriculture, and to creation the Organic Agriculture-based Knowledge and Innovation that connects with people, communities and countries in everyday life. Furthermore, MJU has established over 20 learning centers and research achievements by the faculty members that are considered as relevant wisdom. MJU receives at least 30,000 visitors each year that observed these agricultural learning centers and therefore has the capability of giving training courses at the international level.

AITC Theme : SEP

"Sufficiency Economy" or "The Middle Path" is a philosophy introduced and developed by His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1974. Over the course of his reign, His Majesty offered his insight into a sustainable way of life to his people within the nation. The promotion of the practical sufficiency principles began as the approach for all to adopt after royal permission was granted on November 29, 1999. This sufficiency economy philosophy (SEP) provides a set of living and practical guidelines for people at all social levels starting from family to community and eventually the nation. And this was well before the major economic crisis in Thailand. Subsequently, more emphasis was given to survival solutions that were both stable and sustainable under the currents of globalization and changes.

Course Objectives

The programme is designed to:

- Allow participants to expand their knowledge in Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and be able to apply SEP advanced integration implements towards sustainable rural development in their country.
- Enable participants to develop their knowledge in organic agriculture and smart farming techniques for sustainable community development.
- Enable participants to share their local knowledge, culture, belief, tradition, and values.
- Encourage participants to broaden and strengthen social networks collaboration of agricultural education.

Assignment and Evaluation

Participants are requested to prepare a country report pertaining to the sustainable agriculture and organic agriculture in their respective countries. The report should contain:

- Introduction
- General information of the country
- Historical background of the subject related to the training course
- Existing laws and regulations concerning the subject (if any)
- Existing problem in the applicant's section
- Future programme / project on related subject

The report should be approximately 10 pages of A4 size paper long. The typed country report should be submitted beforehand and subjected to add apply their learning experience during the training course to the training organization in duplicate or sent to the e-mail address (*See Further Information and Contacts section for details*). Each participant will be allocated 10 minutes for presentation of his/her report and a few minutes for comment and discussion.

Course Outline

Topics of the training are;

- Concepts and Implements for Applying the Sufficiency Economy into Practice: Agricultural and Sustainable Community Development; The Community Development Approach Based on SEP, New Theory

Agriculture: the Distinct and Concrete Example of the Application of the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy to the Agricultural Sector, Participatory Community Analysis: Skills Development towards Sufficiency Economy Societies and Quality of Life,

- Paragons of Sufficiency communities and organizations; Pa Phai Village, Doi Saket, Ms. Pratum Suriya, Maesoonnoi Community, Maejaitai Economic Model Village, Sustainable Highland Farming (Nong Hoi and Mae Sa Mai Royal Project) and Agro-Tourism Community Model: Pong-Krai Orchard Reservation Community
- MJU' Best Practices Supporting Small Farmers and Rural Communities' Development; Earthworm Composting of Organic Garbage and Organic Composting Human Waste, Smart Farming System for Small Scale Farm to Sustainable Agriculture, Animal Production in Community and Economic Mushroom Production for Small Farmers and Community.

Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- Lecture
- Group discussion
- Individual and group assignment
- Study Trips/Field Trips

Participant Criteria

Participants for this course should:

- be nominated by their respective government
- hold bachelor degree with at least two years demonstrated experiences relevant to the respective topics
- have good ability in speaking, reading and writing English
- be between 28-50 years of age
- be in good health both physically and mentally, each participant should have a health certificate provided by an authorized physician.

Application

- Candidate must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/ territories by the closing date of 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

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 (OIC Member Countries)
– AITC Training Fellowship* include training fee, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

*Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA.

Training Institute and Venue

Mae Jo University

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Selection and Confirmation

- 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 position.
- 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 participants must return duly completed and signed acceptance form by the deadline to confirm their participation in the program.

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