



# Thailand's Annual International Training Course (AITC) Course Information

## Integration of Sufficiency Economy for Empowerment on Mobilizing Sustainable Development

(Priority for FEALAC Member Countries)

11-29 June 2018

*Closing date for application : 19 March 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).

### College of ASEAN Community Studies (CACS), Naresuan University

College of ASEAN Community Studies (CACS), Naresuan University, was established in a realization of integration progress of ASEAN community. The college currently offers postgraduate programmes in ASEAN studies as well as international academic activities. It focuses to conduct interdisciplinary researches in the area, such as, governance, environment, market and people. CACS has its long-term goal of building change agents for ASEAN community.

### 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 the application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) for sustainable development. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Understand the concept of SEP as an approach for sustainable development.
- Understand how to apply SEP to different cases, such as, community development and poverty eradication.
- Be able to apply SEP to the case of their respective countries.

## Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- lecture
- discussion
- field visit

## Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation.
- Discussion.
- Assignment – SEP Action Plan formulation
- Submission and presentation of "Country Report".
- 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 offers knowledge and understanding on SEP as well as its application through different cases. The topics of training are such as;

- SEP and Sustainable Development
- SEP in Community Empowerment
- SEP in Poverty Eradication : Case Study of Social Enterprise
- SEP in Social Enterprise and Creative Business
- SEP in Natural Resources and Environment Management
- SEP in Community-based Tourism
- SEP Developer Tools: Techniques, Transmitting of Knowledge, and Extension of Results

## 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 relevant fields.

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

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| - Australia | - New Zealand       |
| - Brunei    | - Republic of Korea |
| - Japan     | - Singapore         |

## Application

- Candidates must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories as well as Australia, Brunei, Japan New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Singapore 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

College of ASEAN Community Studies (CACS),  
Naresuan University,  
Muang District,  
Phitsanulok

## Selection and Confirmation

- Selection of participants will be given priority to applicants from FEALAC 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

**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 FEALAC 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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