



## Sufficiency Economy for Community Sustainability

8 June – 1 July 2021

Closing date for application: 15 May 2021

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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).

### **Suan Dusit University**

In the past 70 years, from being ‘Home Science Secondary School’ into Suan Dusit University, that the unique strengths of the school were improved and developed to be relevant to the changes has led to the foundation of university strengths in the present day. Consequently, the identities of Suan Dusit University are determined by these primary expertises, which have been accepted in both national and international levels, as well as the competence to response the need of local and society. Four identities of the university are Childhood Education, Food Industry, Service Industry, and Nursing Science. The utilization of innovation and new technology creates the Suan Dusit culture which include the good personality; the desire to seek for new knowledge and develop new innovation; self-discipline and open-minded character.

### **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

This training course aims at sharing Thailand's experiences in the application of Sufficiency Economy for Community Sustainability. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Gain knowledge and comprehend in the principles and concepts of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP).
- Apply the principles and concepts of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) into their own country development.

### Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- Lecture via Zoom
- Group discussion via Zoom
- Field visits via Zoom/ Live YouTube
- Presentation via Zoom

### Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation.
- Submission and 15-20 minutes presentation of "Country Report" outlines the rural development policies and best practices in their own countries and territories.

- Reading assignment – Participants are required to read about principles and concepts of SEP and projects initiated by His Majesty King (New Theory Agricultural Projects, Water Resources Management Projects, and Soil Development Projects)
- Discussion
- Assignment – Report on how to apply SEP to the case of participants' respective countries.
- Online progressive report on SEP application or adaptation in participants' countries.

### 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;

- The philosophy of the sufficiency economy from the greatest King through the social context. (the principle, goals, objectives and etc.)
- The Sufficiency economy in globalization : paradigm shift in Thailand.
- The community based for sustainability in globalization beyond the 21 century.
- The community based management for sustainability in Thailand and ASIAN contexts.
- The community sustainability in the Thai context(s) beyond the philosophy of the sufficiency economy. (knowledge sharing, best practice, examples, experiences, adaptation, process and etc.)
- The role (s) and function(s) of the philosophy of the sufficiency economy in the formal, non-formal, life long learning and vocational school : case study in Thailand. (governmental policy, benefit, curriculum and applying beyond the school and community context)
- The role(s) and function(s) of the philosophy of the sufficiency economy in the agriculture and

farming: case study in Thailand and ASIAN countries.

- The implementation of the philosophy of the sufficiency economy to develop the human capital in ASIAN context

The integrated skills, applying and management between the philosophy of the sufficiency economy and community-based development.

#### **Participants Criteria**

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in “Guideline for Thailand’s Annual International Training Course Program.” “Qualifications” as well as following qualifications

- Participants should be an officer or agent from government agencies.
- Participants must have a degree and/or professional experience suitable to the training topic.
- Participants should be less than 55 years of age.

#### **Application**

- Candidates must be nominated/endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories as well as Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam 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**

30 Persons

#### **Training Institution and Venue**

Online Interactive Training via Zoom

8 June – 11 July 2014 (12 days)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### **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 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 program.

#### **Terms of Awards**

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

\* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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