

Sufficiency Economy: Learning Organic Agriculture by Doing

Programme	Annual International Training Courses Thai International Cooperation Programme
Course Title	Sufficiency Economy: Learning Organic Agriculture by Doing
Duration	November 3 – 24, 2015 November 3 – 24, 2016
Closing Date for Application	July 31, 2015 and July 31, 2016
Number of Participants	18-20
Eligible Countries	Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and Thailand Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe Pacific: Cook Island, Fiji, Marshalls Island, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon Island, Tonga, Tuvalu Member Countries: FEALAC, OAS and CARICOM

Objectives

The course aim to:

- Allow participants to expand their knowledge in Sufficiency Economy
- Enable participants to develop their knowledge in Organic Agriculture for sufficiency agriculture.
- Enable participants to share their local knowledge, culture, belief, tradition, and values.
- Encourage participants to broaden and strengthen social networks of agri- graduates.

Qualifications

Applicant for this course should:

- be nominated by their respective government;
- hold master 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. This form is also attached together with the Nomination Form. Pregnancy is regarded as a disqualifying condition for participation in the course.

Course Contents

I. Course Outline

1. Sufficiency Agriculture and New Theory
2. Sustainable Agriculture
 - 2.1 Sustainable Agriculture
 - 2.2 Organic Livestock
 - 2.3 Organic Integrated Pest Management
 - 2.4 Organic Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
3. Highland Agriculture
 - 3.1 Soil Conservation and Agroforestry System
4. Agricultural Farming System
 - 4.1 Organic Agriculture: Horticulture / Seeds / Mushrooms
 - 4.2 Organic Agriculture: Fruits
 - 4.3 Organic Agriculture and Standard Certification
 - 4.4 Conversion to Organic Farming-Strong Organic Farmer Networks
5. Organic Agriculture
 - 5.1 Renewable Energy Technologies for Organic Farming

5.2 Organic Composting

5.2.1 Agricultural Waste

5.2.2 Human Waste

5.2.3 Liquid Organic Fertilizer Production from Organic Waste

6. Country Report

6.1 Preparation

6.2 Presentation

7. Course Evaluation

II. Practices

Field practices are supportive by the lecturers

- The Royal Project
- The Royal Initiatives Project
- The New Theory Project
- Organic Farms and Marketing

III. Study Trips/ Field Trips

1. Field trips to important landmarks of Northern Thailand
2. Field trips to some related agricultural learning centers in Maejo University

IV. Advance Assignments

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

1. Introduction
2. General information of the country
3. Historical background of the subject related to the training course
4. Existing laws and regulations concerning the subject (if any)
5. Existing problem in the applicant's section
6. 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: inter-a@mju.ac.th

Each participant will be allocated 10 minutes for presentation of his/her report and a few minutes for comment and discussion.

Institution

The course will be conducted by:

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