

# Sufficiency Economy



<b>Programme</b>	<i>Annual International Training Course, Thai International Cooperation Programme</i>
<b>Course Title</b>	<i>Sufficiency Economy</i>
<b>Duration</b>	<i>June 18 - July 1, 2007 *</i>
<b>Closing Date for Application</b>	<i>March 16, 2007</i>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<i>25</i>
<b>Invited Countries</b>	<i>Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, The Philippines, Palau, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Thailand *</i>

\* Subject to change by further notifications

## **Background Information of the Programme**

The economic development of Thailand has been due mainly to the initiatives of His Majesty the King of Thailand and the commitment of the government in effecting gradual changes in the lives of the general population. This transition did not happen overnight. It has been a result of careful planning and implementation with the farmers who constitute the majority of the population as the source of information, inspiration and ultimate beneficiaries of such development. His Majesty achievements in the country's economic development have been highlighted during the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of His Accession to the Throne (June 9, 2006) proudly featured by His people as the **"Working King"**. His development model is popularly known as the **"New Theory"**.

The New Theory is basically a smart management of natural resources, which serve as capital or assets of farmers, leading to self-sufficiency through self-reliance. His Majesty elucidated the concept as ... *"the method to achieve self-sufficiency, as the means to manage land and water resources for agriculture and consumption. The theory applies to farmers holding an average cultivation area to maximize the use of their land, with the aim to be able to support themselves adequately in the first place. This will lead to organizations such as farmers' groups or cooperatives to jointly carry out community activities. At the same time, they must be able to coordinate and connect with outside organizations and agencies concerning capital source to support occupational and people's quality of life development..."* (From Royal addresses, 15 March 1994, 12 & 13 February 1995 quoted in [www.60thcelebrations.com/english/benevolence\\_detail.php?id=51](http://www.60thcelebrations.com/english/benevolence_detail.php?id=51)).

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## **Objectives**

This 2-week course aims to provide knowledge and skills for participants to be able to:

- understanding the concept and the role of management in sustainable development of rural development projects/programmes;
- explain how to work with the small holder farmers and how to empower project/programme management by the concept of sufficiency economy;
- develop an action plan for rural development.

## **Qualifications**

This is an intermediate level programme on rural development project/programme management. The course is intended for middle level government officials and managers of state-owned agencies who are involved in poverty alleviation and sustainable social and economic development. The participants should be/have:

- a senior or middle-level government official or senior managers/executives of state-owned agencies or academics, practitioners or those preparing for managerial jobs in the near future.
- an education background in agriculture, economics, rural development, social, environment and public policy or other relevant disciplinary areas with five years of related work experience.
- committed to the good of the general public in enhancing economic and social development.
- functional level of written and spoken English.
- in good health to be able to attend the whole course.

## Course Content

### I. Seminar (6 days)

#### Course outline :

- His Majesty The King's "New Theory" (3 hrs.)
- Globalization and Agricultural Development in Thailand (3 hrs.)
- Technology and Innovation in Agriculture (3 hrs.)
- Agricultural Extension System Development in Thailand (3 hrs.)
- Water and Land movement in Agriculture (3 hrs.)
- The Concept of Community Forest (3 hrs.)
- Needs and motivation (3 hrs.)
- Empowerment (3 hrs.)
- Daily record of cost, expenditure (3 hrs.)
- The Step of Economic Development of Farmer (3 hrs.)
- Concepts and working process of His Majesty the King's Project at Chiang Mai, Phetchaburi, Chantaburi, Naratiwas and Saraburi provinces
- Presentation (3 hrs.)
- Course conclusion (6 hrs.)

### II. Field trip ( 40 hrs.)

To visit the Royal Development Projects in Chiang Mai, Phetchaburi and Saraburi provinces.

### III. Advance assignments - Country report:

Participants are requested to prepare a country report. The report should contain the country's background in agriculture socio-economics and related in the participant's home country. The report should contain the situations of small holder farmers too. Participants are permitted to prepare power point slides, video tapes or other audio-visual to support their country report presentation. The report should be sent to the ETO two weeks prior to the beginning of the course.





**Institution**

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