



The Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA)



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The **Royal Thai Government** has gained benefits of technical and economic cooperation through years of accumulated experiences from *Official Development Assistance (ODA)*. Reinforcement of partner countries' economic well-being, promotion of cultural exchanges and trading relationships with other developing countries, among others, are considered benefits of participation in ODA activities. *The Royal Thai Government* - through *Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA)* - set up the *Thai International Cooperation Programme (TICP)* to act as a vehicle for implementing technical cooperation programmes between Thailand and its partners. Thailand's cooperation programme has been expanding since 1992 and now encompasses various forms of cooperation, namely: *the Bilateral Programme, the Annual International Training Course Programme, the Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries Programme, the Third Country Training Programme, the Trilateral and Regional Cooperation Programme and the Thai International Postgraduate Programme*. Thailand's technical cooperation programme has been progressively extended to embrace many different parts of the world. Activities include development projects; provision of fellowships, training and study visits; and supply of experts, missions and equipment. Activities relate mainly to priority sectors such as agriculture, education and public health, and reflect the needs of Thailand's partner countries.