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Dr. Tran Van Dien

President

Thai Nguyen University of
Agriculture and Forestry, and
Country Representative of Vietnam
to the SEARCA Governing Board
Quyet Thang Commune
Thai Nguyen City, Vietnam

Dear Dr. Dien:

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites applications from qualified nationals of your country for MS and PhD scholarships in agriculture and related fields for **School Year 2020-2021**.

Applicants must not be older than 35 for MS or 40 for PhD at the time of application. Applicants are requested to submit the following documents (incomplete submissions will not be evaluated):

1. Two printed copies of the SEARCA Scholarship Application Form to be accomplished online via <http://bit.ly/SEARCAScholarshipApplication>
2. Application forms for admission to the Graduate Schools of any three (3) universities listed below where the applicant would like to pursue graduate studies:
 - a. Institut Pertanian Bogor (www.ipb.ac.id)
 - b. Kasetsart University (www.ku.ac.th)
 - c. Universitas Brawijaya (www.ub.ac.id)
 - d. Universitas Gadjah Mada (www.ugm.ac.id)
 - e. Universiti Putra Malaysia (www.upm.edu.my)
 - f. University of the Philippines Los Baños (www.uplb.edu.ph)
3. **Original transcript of academic records bearing the seal of the University and original signature of the Registrar or Head of the University.** Applicants for MS degree should submit their **original Bachelor of Science (BS)** transcript of records. PhD degree applicants should submit their **original BS and MS** transcripts of records
4. Original or certified true copies of certificates of completion/diplomas for every degree completed
5. Certification of employment
6. Endorsement from employer
7. Updated curriculum vitae
8. Brief description of the research the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation. The research topic must be in line with the thrusts of SEARCA's Tenth Five-Year Plan i.e., social inclusion, environmental sustainability and regional economic integration by promoting food and nutrition security; value chains and agribusiness commodity systems; innovations and modern technologies; rural entrepreneurship; climate change adaptation and resiliency, natural resource management; sub-regional cooperation in trade and investments; and government policies/reforms that address

rural poverty, inequitable growth, and environmental degradation. Details of SEARCA's strategic thrusts are available at <http://www.searca.org>.

9. Two copies of passport-size photo of the applicant
10. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is in good physical and mental health condition and is fit to undertake graduate studies
11. IELTS score of at least 6.0 or TOEFL iBT score of at least 75

Interested parties may submit their applications to the Ministry of Education/Higher Education in your country, who will screen and endorse applications to SEARCA not later than **31 July 2019**. Thus, applicants should contact the Ministry for the deadline of submission of applications.

More information about the scholarship and downloadable application forms are available at SEARCA's website <http://www.searca.org/index.php/scholarship/graduate-scholarship>.

We look forward to receiving applicants from your university.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.
Chair, SEARCA Governing Board

