

Education and Training

The primary goals of the ICDF's education and training efforts are to strengthen cooperation with international organizations—including NGOs—and to help allied nations develop their human, industrial and natural resources in order to spur social and economic progress.

Education and training activities and programs included seminars and workshops held in Taiwan for foreign participants; scholarships for promising students in developing countries; master's degree programs for foreign technical and managerial personnel; and extensive localized vocational and professional training programs.

Seminars and Workshops

Economic Development

The ICDF held 22 seminars or workshops to share Taiwan's economic development experience in small and medium enterprises, international trade, agriculture, vocational training, and other fields. Over 440 participants from 69 countries and four international organizations attended these programs. Participants included 85 persons from the Asia Pacific region, 21 from Middle Eastern countries, 86 from Africa, 73 from Europe, 173 from Latin America and six from international organizations.

Trade and Economics

The Taiwan economic development experience was the subject of six general trade and economics seminars, conducted in seven sessions.

Commissioned and International Seminars

The ICDF sponsored five commissioned seminars, consisting of eight sessions, in Taiwan on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Council of Agriculture. The topics were: Production and Marketing of Agricultural Products; Vegetable Cultivation and Breeding; Plant Tissue and Seedling Propagation; Agricultural Product Processing; and Aquaculture.

Three international workshops on special topics were conducted: Public Sanitation; SME Credit and Disbursement Systems; and Technology of Water and Soil Conservation.

ICDF Human Resource Development Program 2000			
Project	Participants	Training Organization	Dates
ECONOMY, TRADE, SME DEVELOPMENT			
ROC Economic Development Experience	25	World Economics Society	11/23–12/10/99
Development and Management of Taiwan's Industrial Districts and EPZs	19	Sinotech Engineering Consultants with ICDF and EPZ Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs	3/13–3/27/00
International Trade Promotion I	28	China External Trade Development Council	4/19–5/2/00
Industrial Development in Taiwan and the Establishment of Industrial Synergy	27	Corporate Synergy Development Center	5/9–5/23/00
International Trade Promotion II	20	International Research Faculty, Tamkang University	6/7–6/20/00
SME Assistance Policy in Taiwan, ROC	29	Small Business Integrated Assistance Center	8/8–8/25/00
Agricultural Credit System and Rural Development in Taiwan	30	Sinotech Engineering Consultants and ICDF	10/29–11/10/00
SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS			
Sanitation Seminar	25	National Public Health Administration, ROC	11/29–12/10/99
Lending to SMEs and Bank Payment Systems	35	Taiwan Academy of Banking and Finance	4/11–5/5/00
Water Soil Conservation Seminar	15	Pingtung University of Science and Technology	4/30–5/6/00
VOCATIONAL TRAINING SEMINARS			
Vocational Training	59	Employment and Vocational Training Association	Aug/Sept 2000
SEMINARS ON AGRICULTURE			
Production and Marketing of Agricultural Products	24	Taichung District Agricultural Improvement Station	9/27–10/16/99
Vegetable and Seed Production	17	ROC's Asia Vegetable Center	11/9–11/27/99
Plant Seedling Culture and Seedling Propagation	20	Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute	10/2–10/21/99
Aquaculture I	18	Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute	3/7–3/28/00
Production and Marketing of Agricultural Products	20	Taichung District Agricultural Improvement Station	9/25–10/14/00
Vegetable and Seed Production II	16	ROC's Asia Vegetable Center	10/17–11/4/00
Agricultural Processing	18	Food Industry Research and Development Center	1/11–1/25/00
Aquaculture II	16	Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute	6/13–7/4/00

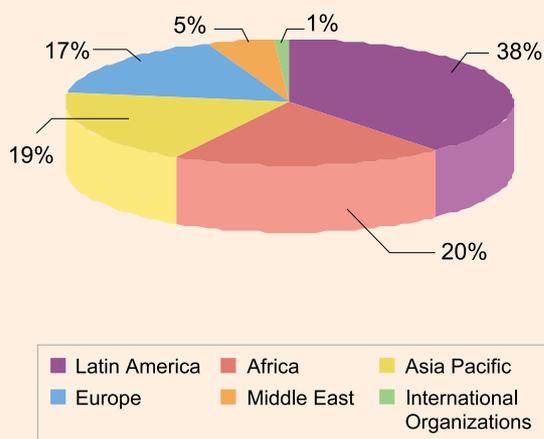
Vocational Training

Vocational training classes held in 2000 included Computer Usage; Spanish Language Computer Aided Design; Industrial Electronics; Vehicle Repair; and Spanish Program Control.

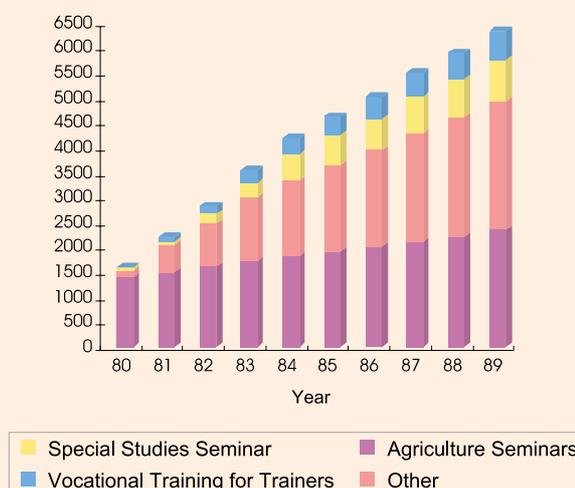
Promoting the ICDF Foreign Aid Model

To support ICDF technical cooperation undertakings, and to share the organization’s practical foreign aid experience, the ICDF conducts a variety of seminars and workshops for ROC foreign aid workers and officials. In the past year, 18 volunteers received professional training, and 40 participants attended a workshop on foreign aid and international cooperation and development.

Students Attending Seminars by Region



Number of Students Attending Seminars



Programs on Human Resources Development with International Organizations

Japan Interchange Association (JIA)

For many years, the ICDF has collaborated with the JIA on the “Third Country Training Project.” This year, joint projects included four training programs for vocational instructors.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

The ICDF continued to collaborate with the WTO in training officials working in less developed countries. The WTO also regularly sends officers to engage in dialogue with Taiwanese domestic and foreign policy specialists and scholars, or to serve as speakers in ICDF seminars. Two senior WTO trade promotion officials—Mr. Primitivo Gomez Toran and Mr. Raymond Krommenacker—participated as keynote speakers in ICDF seminars in 2000.

Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC)

The ICDF cooperation with NUFFIC resulted in the sending of two delegations from Taiwan to share their experiences in higher education with specialists in the Netherlands. This year, NUFFIC sent staff to participate in the “Netherlands–ROC Higher Education Seminar.” ICDF and NUFFIC are also working jointly on high-level human resource development.

World Links for Development (WorLD)

The initial period of cooperation with WorLD is from February 2000 to December 2002. The ICDF is working with WorLD to finance education projects in Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Paraguay and Senegal. Projects include conducting feasibility studies for the introduction of technology in education, supplying schools with new hardware and software, providing Internet services, and training teachers and students in the effective use of information and communication technologies.

In order to assist ROC allies in upgrading educational means and media, the ICDF is also working with WorLD to build educational Web sites worldwide.

Scholarships

The ICDF has been offering scholarships since 1998, when it set up a fund for promising students from the Caribbean region. Since then, it has extended the scholarship programs to Europe and Africa. In 2000, the ICDF provided US\$550,000 in scholarship assistance to students in these regions.

In the Eastern Caribbean, the ICDF conducted the Human Resources Assistance Development Program in St. Christopher and Nevis, the Commonwealth of Dominica, St. Vincent, and Grenada. For the second year, the program provided assistance not only to elementary and junior high school students, but also to teachers and professionals, for advanced specialized training. In addition, the ICDF funded textbook purchases.

In Macedonia, the ICDF is helping 250 elementary school students to continue their studies through a US\$100,000 scholarship program. In Liberia, the ICDF is providing US\$50,000 in assistance to soldiers and students whose education was interrupted by the Liberian civil war. The program has provided short-term vocational training to 425 Liberians.

Master's Degree Program

The ICDF also provides scholarships to high-level agricultural specialists from allied nations. These professionals are eligible for ICDF scholarships that permit them to study for master's degrees at the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology's Graduate Institute of Tropical Agriculture. In fiscal 2000, 16 foreign students participated in this program. Eight students enrolled in the third phase of the master's program, while eight students continued in their second year of the program.

In order to enlarge the benefits of this training, scholarships are also available for ROC overseas technical mission personnel.

The ICDF Alumni Society

The ICDF Alumni Society sustains relationships between participants in ICDF programs from all countries, by encouraging continued personal and professional interaction. To enable the society's 5,000 members to stay in touch, share their experiences, and continue helping their countries, the ICDF Alumni Society holds seminars, workshops and conferences. Since the program's inception, 30 workshops have been held.

