

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The primary goal of the ICDF's education and training efforts is to help developing nations train the basic human resources that they need in order to achieve industrial and socioeconomic development.

Services delivered this year included accepting foreign trainees in development-related seminars held in Taiwan; providing scholarships for needy students in developing countries; training high-level foreign technical personnel; and assisting the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Economic Affairs in overhauling the Overseas Young Entrepreneurs Training Program.

### Seminars

#### General Trade/Economics Seminars:

Nine seminars based on the Taiwan experience of economic development were held in Taiwan under the "Trade Promotion Seminar Program." More than 230 persons from 64 countries attended these seminars.

#### Commissioned Seminars:

Five seminars (six seminar sessions) on the following topics were held in Taiwan on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Council of Agriculture:

- Production and Marketing of Agricultural Products
- Vegetable Cultivation and Breeding
- Plant Tissue and Seedling Propagation
- Agricultural Product Processing
- Aquaculture

Ninety-eight foreign trainees attended these agriculture/aquaculture-related seminars.

#### Special Topic Seminars:

The two international seminars—"Responding to Financial Crises" and "The ROC's Development of Foreign Aid and International Cooperation"—which were held this year were attended by scholars and specialists from many different countries.

#### Training Programs for Vocational Instructors:

Implementation of the "Third Country Research and Study Project" continued in collaboration with the Japan Interchange Association. Training classes held this year included "Computer-Aided Drawing," "Computer Applications," "Industrial Electronics," "Automatic Control," and "Auto Repair."

Fifty-one foreign vocational instructors were enrolled in these classes.

## Scholarships

The ICDF began offering scholarships last year, when a fund was set up for needy students from the Caribbean region on a trial basis. This fund provided scholarships ranging from US\$300 to US\$1,000 per person.

In Macedonia, the ICDF has established a fund that will provide 250 elementary school students with a scholarship equivalent to US\$400 each.

Personnel have been sent to assess the results of this scholarship program, and preliminary findings have been favorable. It is anticipated that this program will eventually be extended to the allied nations of West Africa to benefit needy young scholars in those countries.

## Training for High-Level Technical Personnel

The ICDF is promoting the long-term cultivation of human resources by providing scholarships for ROC overseas technical mission personnel and high-level agricultural technicians from allied nations to study in Taiwan. In collaboration with National Pingtung University of Science and Technology's Institute of Tropical Agriculture, the ICDF is offering a master's degree program for these students.

In September 1998 six technical mission personnel and six students recommended by the governments of their nations enrolled in the first year of a two-year program. In fiscal 2000 the ICDF will provide full scholarships to nine new students from allied nations. Thus, because the academic year will straddle two fiscal years, two groups of students will be enrolled.

This program is expected to have a very significant impact on the future of agriculture in allied nations.

## Overseas Young Entrepreneurs Training Program

During the fiscal 1998 year, 274 participants from Indonesia and 80 from the Philippines received instruction through the Young Entrepreneurs Training Program. Since 1999 the program has been placed under the control of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Economic Affairs

In addition to contributing its experience to assist the MOEA in overhauling the program, the ICDF has provided funding of NT\$5 million for a promotional fund.

**Table 6: 1999 Education and Training Classes**

	Seminar Title	Trainees	Training Organization	Dates
<b>GENERAL SEMINARS</b>				
1	Vocational Training	51	Employment and Vocational Training Association	10/16–12/17/98
2	Industrial Development in Taiwan and the Establishment of Industrial Synergy	29	Corporate Synergy Development Center	11/8–28/98
3	ROC Economic Development Experience	29	World Economics Society	11/19–12/19/98
4	International Trade Promotion (I)	34	China External Trade Development Council (CATDC)	1/12–29/99
5	Development and Management of Taiwan's Industrial Districts and EPZs	19	Sinotech Engineering Consultants jointly with ICDF	3/7–20/99
6	Improving the Corporate Management Constitution of SMEs	17	Corporate Synergy Development Center	3/7–27/99
7	Tax Policy and Economic Development	22	Public Finance Training Center, Ministry of Finance	4/8–28/99
8	Agricultural Credit System and Rural Development in Taiwan	19	Sinotech Engineering Consultants and ICDF	4/18–5/1/99
9	SME Assistance Policy in Taiwan, ROC	28	Small Business Integrated Assistance Center	5/5–23/99
10	International Trade Promotion (II)	26	CATDC	5/10–28/99
<b>SPECIALIZED SEMINARS</b>				
11	Responding to Financial Crises	16	Taiwan Institute of Economic Research	3/22–26/99
<b>MOFA-COMMISSIONED AGRICULTURE/FISHERY SEMINARS</b>				
12	Production and Marketing of Agricultural Products	21	Taichung District Agricultural Improvement Station	10/12–30/98
13	Vegetable and Seed Production	23	ROC's Asia Vegetable Center	11/10–28/98
14	Plant Seedling Culture and Seedling Propagation	17	Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute	3/1–21/99
15	Aquaculture I	15	Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute	3/9–30/99
<b>COA-COMMISSIONED AGRICULTURE/FISHERY SEMINARS</b>				
16	Agricultural Processing	10	Food Industry Research and Development Center	11/17–12/4/98
17	Aquaculture II	12	Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute	4/13–5/4/99
<b>Total Participants in All Seminars</b>		<b>388</b>		