

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
Ministry of Economic Affairs
Economic Affairs Division**

No.3(30)/EA/China-II/2023

Islamabad, the 07th July, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 2023 MULTILATERAL SEMINAR ON MODERN CROP PRODUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM 06TH – 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 IN CHINA (04 SLOTS).

The undersigned is directed to state that Government of People's Republic of China has offered fully funded Seminar on Modern Crop Production and Food Security for Developing Countries from 06th – 26th September, 2023. The Government of Pakistan will not be liable for any cost. The course contents along with other relevant information are enclosed. The requisite qualification and general requirements are as under:-

1. Eligibility Criteria

- Officers (**BS-17 & above**) of Ministries / Divisions / Attached Departments and Provincial Governments most relevant to the training programmes.
- Proficiency in English.
- Under 45 for officials at or under director's level and under 50 for officials at director general's level.
- Contract Employees are not eligible

2. Documents Required

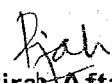
The following documents (**02 sets of each**) are required to be sent alongwith the nomination:

- Application Form
- Information Form duly filled in by the nominee.
- FTC Proforma
- Copy of CNIC
- Copy of Passport at least six months of remaining validity and blank visa pages
- Medical Certificate (Foreigner Physical Examination Form)
- Surety Bond
- Undertaking
- Copy of Covid-19 Full Vaccination Certificate
- No criminal record / Police character certificate attested by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

3. Nominations of suitable candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria duly approved by the competent authority shall be forwarded to this Ministry by **1st August, 2023 positively**. Following points must be considered while nominating the candidates:

- a. Most relevant candidates should be nominated for the subject training programmes.
- b. Nomination of candidates should reach MoEA before the deadline. Late arrival of nomination after the EADs' deadline will not be entertained.
- c. Nomination papers complete in all respect may be forwarded to MoEA through proper channel i.e. through their respective Administrative Ministry / Division/ P&D Department.
- d. For further details / information / forms / FTC proforma EAD's website: www.ead.gov.pk may be visited.

4. In order to avail all trainings, it must be ensured that suitable nominations along with complete documents shall be provided by the deadline.


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Advanced Seminar on Modern Crop Production and Food Security for Developing Countries

Name	Advanced Seminar on Modern Crop Production and Food Security for Developing Countries		
Organizer	Center of International Cooperation Service		
Time	2023-09-06 -- 2023-09-26	Language for Learning	English
Invited Countries	Developing countries		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; under 50 for officials at director general's level.	
	Health	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.	
	Language	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English during the training.	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Host City	Beijing	Local Temperature	20-25°C
Cities to visit	Beijing City, Jiangsu	Local Temperature	20-25°C, 20-25°C
Notes	<p>1. Visa: Please make sure that the validation of the visa covers the period from 5 days before the start of the program to 5 days after the end of the program.</p> <p>2. Preparation: ①Please make preparations for the seminar and for your life in China according to the arrangement of the seminar and the weather condition of the host city and the cities to visit ②A small portion of commonly used medicine is allowed according to the physical conditions of participants but prohibited or over-limited medicine is forbidden to enter China. ③If you have any questions or needs related to religious beliefs, please communicate with the organizer in advance.</p> <p>3. Luggage: ①Please check the standards of luggage allowed on international and domestic flights in China, participants should afford the costs arising from overweight luggage and baggage disputes due to missed flights. ②Please make sure whether you need to re-check your baggage when you transfer to another flight. ③In case of lost checked baggage, please register with the airline in time. When filling out the registration form, please call the contact of the organizer first to confirm the address of the baggage delivery.</p> <p>4. Missed flight and pickup arrangement: ①If you cannot depart on time due to special conditions, or if your flight is delayed when you transfer, please inform the contact person of the organizer in time. ②After picking up the baggage on the flight, please wait patiently at the international (or domestic) arrival exit, and the staff will pick up the flight with the pick-up sign with the name of the organizer. If there is any incident, please contact the organizer as soon as possible.</p> <p>5. Ticket refund: change of ticket without consent or caused by personal reasons, the costs should be borne by the individual.</p> <p>6. Evaluation: After the seminar, the organizer will evaluate the participant's performance by questionnaires and theme papers, and create study archives for them; participants are</p>		

	<p>encouraged to submit paper.</p>
<p>About the Organizer</p>	<p>The Center of International Cooperation Service (CICOS) is a public service agency under the direct administration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA). The main functions of CICOS include providing translation services, conducting multi-bilateral foreign seminars, receiving and sending multi-bilateral exchange groups under the governmental framework, implementing foreign technical cooperation and assistance projects, implementing multilateral South-South cooperation projects with FAO, etc. organizing international conferences and providing services concerning passport and visa for public affairs.</p> <p>Since 2006, CICOS has been responsible for various foreign aid seminar tasks from the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and international organizations. Up to 2020, CICOS has organized more than 100 seminars and seminar courses for more than 2,000 participants. Themes of the seminars and courses include agricultural project management, agricultural sustainable development, agriculture and climate change, intelligent agriculture, agricultural water resources management, agricultural trade, agricultural land management, livestock, and poultry breeding management, animal disease prevention and control, planting management and technology, agricultural machinery maintenance, and cotton breeding, production and trade. CICOS invites lecturers with rich teaching experience and stays in close contact with the local agricultural departments, research institutes, and agricultural universities. Furthermore, CICOS has compiled and published seminar textbooks including China's National Conditions, Overview of Agriculture Development in China, Overview of Cotton Industry in China, and Overview of Development of Animal Husbandry, to introduce China and Chinese agricultural development comprehensively, to help participants better understand China, Chinese agricultural development policies, experience, and achievement.</p> <p>CICOS hosted Online Communication between Young Agricultural Professionals in China and Central and Eastern European Countries and Online Communication of Young Agricultural Professionals between China and Germany, accumulating rich online seminar experience. CICOS hosted Online Communication between Young Agricultural Professionals in China and Central and Eastern European Countries and Online Communication of Young Agricultural Professionals between China and Germany, accumulating rich online seminar experience.</p>

Seminar Content	<p>Main lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Overview of China's national conditions: an introduction to Chinese national conditions in terms of politics, economy, culture and society (2) Overview of China's agricultural situation: the history of Chinese agricultural development, major policies, basic conditions, challenges, and future development (3) General introduction of crop production and food security: introduce the concept, meaning, research results and application fields of crop production and food security (4) China's basic policy and system to guarantee food security: China's agricultural policy, land system, fundamental national policy, high standard farmland system, and grain storage system, etc. (5) Food loss analysis and solutions: causes and solutions for food loss during harvesting, shipment, storage, consumption and other processes (6) Cultivation techniques of wheat/rice/corn/vegetable/fruit: select crops according to the national realities of participants, and comprehensively introduce relevant cultivation management techniques (7) Causes and control techniques of weeds/army worm: introduce the causes and development laws of several specific diseases and pests and the corresponding prevention and control methods (8) Breeding system of wheat/rice: introduce China breeding system of wheat and rice, and emphasize the importance of high-quality seeds to high grain yield (9) Mechanized cultivation of corn: introduce common corn harvesting machinery, and demonstrate the significance of mechanization in increasing food production (10) Introduction of China's extension system of agricultural techniques: introduce China's extension system of agricultural techniques from the central to local levels (11) Cultivation techniques of tropical crop: Introduce high-yielding cultivation techniques for tropical crops such as cassava and sugarcane, and corresponding pest control measures. (12) Field visit: visit China's historical sites and grain storage facilities, and conduct field trips, etc (13) Seminar: national report <p>Experts and scholars from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China Academy of Agricultural Sciences, National Agro-Tech Extension and Service Center, China Agricultural University, and other units will be invited to give lectures, and strive to combine theory with practice. In addition, leaders of agricultural cooperatives and agricultural enterprises will be invited to exchange with the participants, to tell the stories of the struggles of Chinese agricultural enterprises and farmers, and to spread the front-line development experience</p>
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