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Dear Dr. Suhardiyanto:

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is pleased to invite qualified officers and staff members from your institution to apply for the SEARCA Graduate Scholarship (Masters or PhD) in agriculture and related fields focused on inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development for **Academic Year 2015-2016**.

All applicants/nominees for both Master's and PhD scholarship **must not be more than 35 years of age** at the time of application.

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents (incomplete submissions will not be evaluated):

1. Duly accomplished SEARCA Scholarship application form (2 copies);
2. Duly accomplished application forms for admission to the Graduate Schools of any three (3) universities listed in the SEARCA Scholarship application form where the applicant may pursue graduate studies;
3. **Original transcript of academic records bearing the seal of the University and original signatures of the Registrar or Head of the University.** Applicants for Master's degree should submit their **original Bachelor of Science (BS)** transcript of records. PhD degree applicants should submit their **original BS and Masters** transcripts of records;
4. Certificate of employment;
5. Updated curriculum vitae;
6. Brief description of the research that 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 of inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development, i.e. social equity, environmental integrity and regional economic

integration by promoting food and nutrition security; value chains and agribusiness commodity systems; innovation 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. The Plan will be made available at <http://www.searca.org>

7. Passport-size ID picture (2 pieces);
8. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is in good physical and mental health condition and is fit to undertake graduate studies;
9. Official endorsement from the employer; and
10. A passing TOEFL score of 550 or IELTS results of 6.0.

Interested parties may submit their applications to the Ministry of Education/Higher Education in your country. Applicants must check the deadlines set by the Ministries to receive/accept applications of SEARCA scholarship. The Ministry will then screen and endorse applications to SEARCA not later than **30 July 2014**.

The schedule of interview of qualified applicants will be announced through the Ministry of Education.

We have also enclosed a one-page scholarship announcement for posting. You may choose to reproduce the announcement, if necessary. At the same time, information about the SEARCA scholarship, including the downloadable application forms can be found in SEARCA's website at <http://www.scholarship.searca.org>.

Very truly yours,



Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.
Director

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