



**Short Term Training Course on Forest Reforestation and  
Rehabilitation**

**“Reforestation and Community Participation”**

**COURSE GUIDELINES**

**24 – 28 February, 2020**

**AFoCO Regional Education & Training Center (RETC)**

**Republic of Union of Myanmar**

**Secretariat for the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization**

## 1. BACKGROUND

Forest cover is continuing to decrease and threaten people's livelihoods despite much effort for forest rehabilitation and restoration. According to the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (CPFLR), more than 2 billion ha of the world's deforested and degraded landscape have potential for restoration, which is not an exception in Asia especially in tropical forests. According to FAO from 2000 to 2015, in Southeast Asia alone, the forest area has decreased to about 32 million ha, with about -0.35% in the annual change of forest cover. The Republic of Korea (ROK)'s forests cover 63 % of its land area today after a large scale of reforestation efforts in 1970s and 1980s. The ROK's rapid reforestation has brought worldwide recognition and recommended as a reforestation model for other countries.

The AFoCO has a significant motto of pursuing action-oriented field activities. Under this motto, we aim to broaden the regional cooperation through undertaking projects and programs by translating sound forest policies and proven technologies into action, in the context of sustainable forest management and addressing climate change. The strategic priorities of the AFoCO over the five (5) years (2019-2023) aim to contribute to the member countries in: 1) achieving the global goal of increasing forest cover up to 3% worldwide; 2) implementing Paris Agreement on climate change particularly in pursuit of policy approaches for adaptation in forestry sector; and 3) improving livelihood and income through forestry-related activities.

Since forest rehabilitation and restoration in Asia was one of the major goals of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), this training course will provide a good opportunity to AFoCO member countries to assist reforestation of degraded forest land for both people and the environment for a greener Asia.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the training course are 1) to share the best practices on policy and management of national reforestation efforts in Asian region, and 2) to discuss challenges and lessons learned from the previous reforestation experiences and guide on-going and future reforestation efforts to Asian countries to develop their own reforestation model.

## 3. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Date:** 24 – 28 February 2019

**Venue:** AFoCO RETC

**Organizer:** AFoCO Secretariat

**Participants:** Total 24 technical level government officials and forestry experts involved in reforestation and food security especially who have been involved in this area for a minimum of one year will be invited from the respective Parties.

## 5. TRAINING SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Time	Schedule	Trainer
<i>23 Feb Arrival</i>		
<i>Day 1 : 24 Feb. (Mon) Lecture</i>		
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Ceremony &amp; Course Introduction (AFoCO)</li> <li>Lecture 1: National Reforestation Policy and Saemaul Undong in the Republic of Korea</li> </ul>	RETC Prof. Lee Yohan
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture 1: Forest Policy &amp; Management of National Forest Rehabilitation (cont.)</li> <li>Lecture 2: National Reforestation Experiences of Myanmar</li> <li>Discussion on National Reforestation Program</li> </ul>	Prof. Lee Yohan TBD (Myanmar)
<i>Day 2: 25 Feb. (Tue) Lecture</i>		
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture 3: Forest Rehabilitation Program and Food Security and Nutrition(FSN)</li> <li>Discussion on Food Security and Nutrition</li> </ul>	Prof. Jang Jae Bong
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture 4: Reforestation and Community Participation</li> <li>Discussion on Lecture 4</li> <li>Lecture 5: Forests, Gender and FSN – Part 1 (theory and concepts)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender in the context of natural resources management</li> <li>Gender issues in sustainable forest management and cases</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discussion on the Role of Community for Reforestation</li> </ul>	Prof. Ahmad Maryudi FAO (TBD)
<i>Day 3 : 26 Feb. (Wed) Lecture and Action Plan Development</i>		
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture 5: Forests, Gender and FSN – Part 2 (application)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstreaming Gender in forestry</li> <li>How to mainstream gender in reforestation projects (examples of other projects)</li> <li>Group work/Discussion on Module 5</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FAO (TBD)
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture 6 : Action Plan Development</li> <li>Practice: Action Plan Development for Reforestation</li> </ul>	
<i>Day 4 : 27 Feb. (Thu) Field Trip</i>		
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field Visit</li> </ul>	RETC
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field Visit</li> </ul>	RETC
<i>Day 5 : 28 Feb. (Fri) Lecture and Closing</i>		
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action Plan Presentation</li> <li>Discussion and Feedback on Training Course</li> </ul>	All
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFoCO's Reforestation Projects and Issues</li> <li>Closing Ceremony</li> </ul>	AFoCO
<i>29 Feb. Departure</i>		

## 6. ESTIMATED BUDGET

Budget Items	Budget (USD)	Remarks
1) Airfare & Transportation	16,500	\$600 x 22 trainees from Asia \$50 x 2 trainees from Myanmar \$800 x 4 trainers from international
2) DSA ,Visa, Others	6,200	\$35 x 6 days x 24 trainees \$70 x 8 trainees \$100 x 6 trainees
3) Meals & Snacks	3,600	\$20 x 6 days x 30 persons
4) Lecture Fee	3,200	\$800 x 4 invited trainers
5) Training Materials	800	Proceeding (\$300), stationery (\$100), papers & cartridge (\$200) and others (\$200)
6) Operating Cost	1,200	Cleaning (\$400), laundry service (\$400), personal kits (\$400)
7) Miscellaneous	900	Field preparation, Medical care, banner
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,400</b> <b>(\$1,350 per trainee)</b>

\*Note: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will contribute the cost of USD 12,000 for this training course.

## 7. REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to complete the registration at <http://retc.afocosec.org>.

## 8. VISA APPLICATION

Citizens of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Viet Nam can travel to Myanmar without a visa. Participants from other countries can apply for a visa at <https://evisa.moip.gov.mm/>.

## 9. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The AFoCO Secretariat will cover participation costs (including airfare, accommodation, and training fees) and provide a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of US\$35 per day to participants of member countries over the duration of the training. During the training course, reimbursements will be given personally to the participants in US dollars as well as in Myanmar kyat (MMK) (in cash) following the current exchange rate.

## 10. CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

The currency in Myanmar is Myanmar Kyat (MMK). Foreign currencies are accepted at money changers at the International Airport (Terminal 1) as well as at the local banks. Please note that there are no money exchangers near the RETC. As such, participants are strongly advised to exchange the money at the International Airport. Using cash for transactions is recommended.

## 11. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage in Myanmar is 220 V, 50 Hz and plugs with both round and flat 2 pins are generally used. Extension cords can be provided to participants. Plug adapters can be purchased from local stores in Myanmar.



## 12. LOCAL TIME

Myanmar is 6:30 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+6:30).

## 13. ATTIRE

Participants should note that the rainy season in Myanmar is in May, so they are kindly requested to prepare raincoats, umbrellas, casual clothes, and hiking boots for field trips.

## 14. RETC FACILITIES & SERVICES

The following facilities and services are available at the RETC:

- ✓ Internet Access
- ✓ Self-controlled Air Conditioner, Refrigerator
- ✓ 2-bedded room for trainees and 1 bedded room for trainers
- ✓ Water Heating System (in each bathroom)
- ✓ Toiletries (Towels, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste) and hair dryer
- ✓ Laundry Room

## 15. GENERAL ENQUIRIES / EMERGENCY CONTACT

For more information or in the case of emergencies, please contact:

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