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Subject: 38th International Vegetable Training Course (IVTC)

Dear Colleagues:

We wish to inform you that the World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg, formerly AVRDC), in collaboration with the Kasetsart University in Thailand, is organizing the 38th *International Vegetable Training Course* which will be held at the WorldVeg Research and Training Station in Kamphaeng Saen, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand. For this year, there will be two training courses that will be conducted, namely:

Title	Schedule	Training Fee (U\$)	Deadline for Application
Safe Vegetable Production	October 21 - November 1, 2019	USD\$2,260.00	August 20, 2019
Vegetable Breeding for the Tropics	November 18-29, 2019	USD \$2,995.00	September 17, 2019


The training course for *Safe Vegetable Production* aims to give participants hands-on experience in safe vegetable production techniques, specifically about food safety; healthy seed and seedling production and vegetable grafting methods; sustainable soil fertility management; pest and disease diagnosis, IPM; and postharvest management and processing. On the other hand, the *Vegetable Breeding for the Tropics* training course aims to give participants hands-on experience and expand their technical knowledge in tropical vegetable breeding. It will cover genebank accessions as source of new traits; statistical methods for variety trials; breeding for biotic stress tolerance; hybrid cultivar development; breeding and selection; and marker-assisted selection.

The training fees will cover training expenses, accommodation, meals, local transportation, field visits, and local health insurance. Kindly take note that the training fee does not include international airfare and other pre-departure expenses (e.g. passport fee, etc.).

Attached, for your reference, are the communication from WorldVeg and brochures about the said training courses. For further information, you may visit their website, <http://ivtc.avrdc.org>, or email them at ivtc@worldveg.org. We would highly appreciate if you could disseminate this announcement to your networks.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Very truly yours,


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