Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 67
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TO   :   **All Faculty and Staff under College of Agriculture and Research Centers**

RE   :   **Invitation to Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Self-Learning e-Course on Good Agricultural Practices for Increasing Farm Productivity, Safe Sustainable Production, and Market Access**

With the aim of equipping everyone practical knowledge of good agricultural practices, the faculty and staff of departments under College of Agriculture and research centers are enjoined to register in the APO ACAP self learning e-course on DAP.

This structural self-learning e-course will be implemented through the APO's dedicated e-learning website: http://www.apo-elearning.org/moodle19/. The participants can register on this website and create their own accounts. Registration started last Dec. 1, 2014 and continuing until April 30, 2015.

Likewise, the faculty and staff of the external campuses teaching agriculture are also urged to register.

JOSE L. BACUSMO
President

17 November 2014

DR. JOSE L. BACUSMO

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Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay

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Subject: Invitation to Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Self-learning e-Course Good Agricultural Practices for

Increasing Farm Productivity, Safe Sustainable Production, and Market Access

December 1, 2014 1 to April 30, 2015 (4+ months)

Dear **Dr. Bacusmo**:

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) in cooperation with the Development Academy of the Philippines will implement the above-cited course from December 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 (3 months).

The objectives are: 1) to enable participants to understand the key concepts, as well as basic principles, tools, and techniques for promoting and adopting Good Agricultural Practices (GAP); 2) to provide opportunities for SME farm production units to understand and adopt GAP in their production processes independently; 3) to provide farm extension officers with practical tools and training templates for the promotion and adoption of GAP by small and rural farmers; and 4) to promote direct linkages between small and rural farmers and the market as adoption of GAP increases farm productivity and assures safe, sustainable production.

This structured self-learning course will be implemented through the APO's dedicated e-learning website: http://www.apo-elearning.org/moodle19/. The participants can register on this website and create their own accounts. Registration starts at **9:00 am** on **December 1, 2014**, continuing until **April 30, 2015**.

As the National Productivity Organization, the Development Academy of the Philippines is in charge of the coordination and promotion of the program at the local level. In this regard, we would like to solicit the assistance of your good office by way of enjoining your technical and support staff, as well as your clients/stakeholders in the industry to register and participate in this FREE learning opportunity.

Attached is the Poster advertisement for your reference.

For questions/clarifications, please contact our APO/DAP Secretariat at **Tel. No. 631-2126** or e-mail at apolu@dap.edu.ph or apolugrantees@yahoo.com.ph. **Attn. Mr. Michael del Mundo** or **Ms. Bonna Frias**.
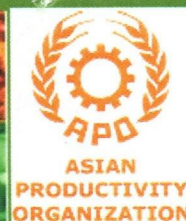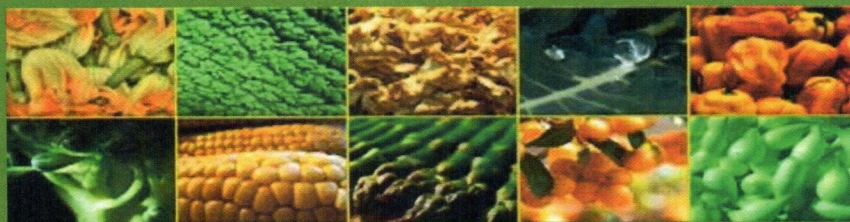
Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ANTONIO D. KALAW, JR. *CESO I*

President, DAP and

APO Alternate Director for the Philippines

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SELF-LEARNING E-COURSE ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES FOR INCREASING FARM PRODUCTIVITY, SAFE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION, AND MARKET ACCESS

DECEMBER 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2015

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To enable participants to understand the key concepts, as well as basic principles, tools, and techniques for promoting and adopting Good Agricultural Practices (GAP);

To provide opportunities for SME farm production units to understand and adopt GAP in their production processes independently;

To provide farm extension officers with practical tools andtraining templates for the promotion and adoption of GAP by small and rural farmers;

To promote direct linkages between small and rural farmers and the market as adoption of GAP increases farm productivity and assures safe, sustainable production;

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Government officers, agricultural extension workers, producers, academics, professional staff of regulatory bodies/certification bodies, consultants involved in training, auditing, and/or promotion of GAP, other technical personnel with particular interest in GAP

ELIGIBIILTY FOR E-CERTIFICATE

A minimum score of 70% on the final examination is required to qualify for the APO e-certificate. The certificate will be provided by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO)

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT:
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Good agricultural practice (GAP) are specific methods which, when applied to agriculture, create food for consumers or further processing that is safe and wholesome.

Modules

1) Introduction to GAP;
2) Development of GAP in Conventional Horticultural Production Practices and Quiz;
3) Farm Management;
4) Food Safety and Quiz;
5) Environmental Conservation;
6) Workers' Health, Safety and Welfare and Quiz;
7) Quality Management Systems (QMS) and Quiz;
8) Final Exam;

Methodology
Self-learning e-modules, additional study material for participants, intermittent quizzes for self-assessment, and a final examination to qualify for the APO e-certificate

Registration
Starts on 9:00 AM on **December 1, 2014** and onwards (self-registration is continuing)

HOW TO REGISTER

1) Interested participants can register directly from the APO web portal: http://www.apo-elearning.org/moodle19/

2) Those already registered can access the course by using the assigned username & password. If you have forgotten your username & password, please refer to the FAQs on the home page of the portal.