

8 IDRC-SEARCA scholars complete their Master's studies

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LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA - Eight scholars who belong to the first batch of awardees under The Southeast Asian Upland Agriculture Fellowships successfully completed their study programs as of the end of First Semester of Academic Year 2014-2015. They will form part of the SEARCA Alumni, Associates and Fellows (SAAF), a valuable network of participants and beneficiaries of SEARCA's capacity-building programs.

The project, targeted to nationals of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam, has awarded a total of 49 scholarships since its launch in March 2012 and is aimed at strengthening and harnessing a critical mass of researchers to promote agricultural development and address food insecurity in their respective upland communities. Majority of the awardees came from academic institutions in their home countries, most of whom were lecturers and instructors.

By the end of year 2015, twenty-four more scholars are expected to finish their degree programs.

The graduates, their degree programs and thesis titles are as follows:

NAME

STUDY POST

DEGREE AWARDED

THESIS TITLE

1

Nguyen Thi Ngoc Thuong

KKU

Master of Rural Development and Management

Livelihood of Farm Households After Land Revocation: A Case Study In Song Khe Commune, Bac

2

Khamniem Phongthady

KKU

Master of Rural Development and Management

Role of Women in Organic Rice Production System: A Case Study in Phoukout District, Xiengkhoua

3

Ho Trong Phuc

KU

MS in Agricultural and Resource Economics

Profit Efficiency of Hybrid Rice Production in Central Vietnam

4

Nguyen Thi Chung

CMU

MS in Agricultural Systems Management

Assessing Rice Farmers' Use of Seasonal Weather Forecast to Cope with Climate Variability in Cen

5

Pham Thi Thuyen

CMU

MS in Agricultural Systems Management

An Analysis of Farmers' Perception and Adaptation to Climate Pressure on Coffee Production: A Ca

6

Tran Cao Uy

CMU

MS in Agricultural Systems Management

Farmers' Perception and Adaptation to Drought in Maize Cultivation, Dakrong District, Quang Tri Pr

7

Bui Hong Quy

UPLB

MS in Agricultural Economics

Input and Output Commercialization Among Poor and Non-Poor Lychee Farmers in Luc Ngan District