

## First batch of IDRC-SEARCA scholars graduate in Academic Year 2014-2015

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LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA – Owing to hard work, perseverance and determination, the end of Academic Year 2014-2015 saw 14 scholars under *The Southeast Asian Upland Agriculture Fellowships* successfully complete their master's studies.

The project, a 5-year collaboration between SEARCA and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, has awarded a total of 53 graduate scholarships since its launch in March 2012 and is expected to be finished by February 2017.

Among the graduates, six are from Cambodia, seven are from Vietnam, and one is from Lao PDR. Of the 14 graduates, 12 belong to the academe, three are from the government sector and one came from a non-governmental organization.

The new graduates were the first batch of IDRC-SEARCA scholars to achieve their master's degrees and upon returning to their home countries, they are expected to promote agricultural development and help address food insecurity in their respective upland communities.

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 Case Study in Dakrong District, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam

6

Tran Cao Uy

CMU

MS in Agricultural Systems Management

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

7

Bui Hong Quy

UPLB

MS in Agricultural Economics

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

Bac Giang Province, Vietnam

8

Eng Chheanghong

UPLB

MS in Applied Nutrition

Food and Nutrition Security of Farming Households with 2 to 5-Year-Old Children as Influenced by Socio-Economic Factors

9

Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy

UPLB

MS in Agricultural Economics

The Integration of Regional Rice Markets in the Philippines

10

Huot Long

UPLB

MS in Agricultural Economics

Marketing of Maize in Ratanak Mondol District, Battambang Province, Cambodia

11

Thea Sive

UPLB

MS in Agronomy

Growth, Nitrogen Uptake and Yield of Upland Rice Varieties as Affected by Biochar and Nitrogen Application

12

Var Sophal

UPLB

MS in Agronomy

Agronomic and Yield Response of Three Upland Rice Varieties to Varying Bio-N and Inorganic Nitrogen

13

Chin Hunlay

UPLB

MS in Animal Science

Production Performance and Intestinal Microstructure of Broiler Chickens Supplemented with Methi

14

Vong Pisey

UPLB

MS in Animal Science

Effects of Lactation Period on the Nutrient Content of Milk from Holstein-Friesian X Sahiwal Cows (