

4 Myanmar nationals to commence their study programs as IDRC-SEARCA scholars

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KHON KAEN, Thailand – Coinciding with the start of the academic year, four Myanmar nationals have been chosen to complete the second cohort of graduate scholars under *The Southeast Asian Upland Agriculture Fellowships* project.

All 4 new awardees will take up Master of Rural Development Management in Khon Kaen University (KKU) in Thailand. The degree program is a 15-month intensive collaborative curriculum that “*aims to raise understanding of principles, process, issues and problems confronting rural societies in developing countries, and to identify approaches for their betterment.*” Before starting their postgraduate studies, the new scholars also attended the 2-week Preparation Course for International Students offered by the KKU Graduate School which included modules on the English and Thai languages, and a cultural trip.

The new scholars are as follows:

NAME

PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPICS

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Mr. San Lwin

The Impact of Upland Agriculture and Food Security in Chin State of Myanmar

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Mr. Zin Wai Aung

Factors Affecting the Adoption of Soil Conservation Measures in Central Dry Zone: A Case Study of

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Ms. Wai Mar Lynn

Improving Rice-Based Upland Cropping Systems Information for Sustainable Agriculture Developm

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Ms. Cho Zin Thet

Impact of Natural Resources Degradation on the Agricultural Production and Food Security of Rural