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Dear Dr. Lan:

We are pleased to announce the **Call for Applications to the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grants 2018-2019**. Each grant is for a total amount of USD 5,000.00 and is open to outstanding Southeast Asian academics championing inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development, which is the priority thrust of SEARCA for its current Five-Year Plan.

The following are the guidelines of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant:

1. The awardees must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Must be a Southeast Asian national, with tenure and holding an academic rank of not lower than Assistant Professor.
 - b. Must have a PhD in fields related to the advancement of agricultural science and technology and development of rural households/communities (see Table 1 for Fields of Study).
 - c. Must have proven track record of excellence in academic and/or research in his/her chosen field of specialization within the broad priority thrusts of SEARCA.
 - d. Must have not been a recipient of a SEARCA Professorial Chair Grant in the past five (5) years.
 - e. Must have the official endorsement of the Chief Executive/Head of his/her institution not only on the applicant's academic qualifications but also on his/her good moral character.
2. The following are the Terms of Reference of the grantee:
 - a. Teach at least one graduate course in his/her area of specialization at the university during the year of award.
 - b. Deliver at least one public lecture on the subject of his/her research (which should be aligned with SEARCA thrusts) during the period of award at his/her university.
 - c. Submit a hard and a soft copy of his/her public lecture to SEARCA upon culmination of his/her professorial chair grant.
 - d. Submit a manuscript of his/her paper for possible publication by SEARCA.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate receiving nominees from Vietnam National University of Agriculture following the prescribed format in Attachment 1 by **3 March 2019**.

Details of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant are also accessible through SEARCA's website at www.searca.org or you may contact SEARCA's Program Head for Graduate Education and Institutional Development through telephone (63-49) 536-2290, 554-9330 to 9337 local 2200 or email geidd@searca.org.

Very truly yours,


Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.
Chair, SEARCA Governing Board 

Attachments: a/s

Table 1. POSSIBLE FIELDS OF STUDIES/EXPERTISE

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal science • Horticulture • Agronomy • Crop protection • Plant breeding • Soil science • Biology as applied to agriculture • Physics like agricultural physics/environmental physics • Biotechnology • Statistics as applied to agricultural modelling/analysis • GIS/Geographic positioning system • Other relevant fields
Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human nutrition and food • Poverty alleviation • Community and resource planning • Human and family development studies • Social development services • Agricultural credit and cooperatives • Agrarian reforms • Strategic planning and policy studies • Other relevant fields
Development Communication/Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural extension • Participatory communication approaches • Field testing and evaluation of new communication technologies for rural and agricultural development • Extension communication approaches • Science and technology information flows • Other relevant fields
Economics and other Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural economics • Agricultural policy analysis/agricultural policy & development • Natural resources and environmental economics • Agricultural marketing and prices • Agribusiness • Sociology • Anthropology • Other relevant fields
Forestry and Environmental/Natural Resources Management and other related fields	

Attachment 1: Information to be submitted by Applicant/Nominee to the University in addition to Curriculum Vitae, Endorsement Letter and a Brief Summary of Proposed Lecture

Basic Information
1. Name of University of Affiliation
2. College/Department
3. Designation in the College/Department
4. Highest Degree attained/year attained
5. Field of Specialization
6. Courses currently taught
7. Teaching Performance/Student Education of Teaching Rating
8. Last Professorial Chair Award received (Title and Year awarded) <i>(Note: Information required should cover period from last Professorial Chair award (not necessarily from SEARCA) or from date of appointment if no such award has been received. Please indicate whether activities undertaken for each information required the scope of coverage, i.e. national or regional)</i>
Intellectual Productivity
9. List of completed researches: Please indicate whether national or regional in scope
10. List of on-going researches: Please indicate whether national or regional in scope
11. List of scholarly publications (e.g. refereed journal publication, book/book chapters, monographs): Please indicate whether national or regional in scope
12. List of publication not falling under scholarly publications (e.g., unpublished papers presented in conferences, unpublished research/project reports, discussion papers): please indicate whether national or regional in scope
13. List of academic/scholarly awards received (other than professorial chair) – brief description of each, year awarded and please indicate whether national or regional in scope
14. List of research results/outputs with IPR/patented: please indicate if national or regional in application
Services to the University
15. List of administrative positions held in the University: Position title, Date Served, Brief Description of Responsibility
16. List of other services rendered for the university: Type of Service, Date of Service, Brief Description of Service (see examples below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as keynote speaker/resource speaker/lecturer - No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as discussant/moderator - No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as rapporteurs - Others
Services to the Larger Community
17. List of services rendered to the larger community: type of service, date of service, brief description of service
18. Other credentials you think will support your application: list and briefly describe.

Instruction to relevant Office/Department of the Universities that manages the pre-screening of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair applications for SEARCA's program: Please use as applicable, the above parameters for short-listing your nominees and send summarized information if your nominee(s) (at most three nominees) to the Graduate Scholarship Department, SEARCA, together with CV, endorsement letter in relation to the nominees' academic excellence and good moral character as well as brief summary of proposed lecture topic.