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ORGANIC FARMING: ESSENTIALS AND PRACTICE
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A Course on

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Our aim to get agriculture moving

BACKGROUND

Environmental and food safety concerns have led to an escalating interest in Organic Farming both globally and locally. Organic Farming is essentially a holistic and environment friendly farming system that is in harmony with nature.

Organic Farming strictly avoids the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Is such a system of agriculture workable and profitable? Indeed it is both workable and profitable, as evidenced by an annual growth rate of about 20%. Organic Farming is governed by sustainable practices, such as recycling of farm waste, crop rotation, mixed cropping, composting, mulching, and cultural methods of pest and disease control. It also encourages biodiversity and helps to build up soil quality.

There is a growing number of enthusiasts who would like to go into Organic Farming in a serious way. However, they face numerous impediments in that pursuit - and many do give up after the initial interest. A major reason for this lies in the poor understanding of the basic essentials that entail the practice of organic farming.

This two-day course, which combines lectures and hands-on practice, aims to address this crucial challenge and positions the participant in the 'starting it right' pathway for a successful organic farming venture.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To disseminate information on Organic Farming technology
- To enhance understanding of the principles and methods of Organic Farming
- To create awareness on Organic Farming as a business enterprise
- To create awareness on Organic Farming as a sustainable farming method

COURSE CONTENT

Day 1

- Overview about organic farming
How to start an organic farm?
- Crop and soil management
Nutrient and water management
- Benefits of Indigenous Micro-organisms (IMOs)
- Composting and culturing of IMOs

Day 2

- Pest and disease management
- Certification and marketing of organic produce
- Sharing of experiences with a certified organic grower
- Farm visit

INSTRUCTORS

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Agricultural practitioners
- Entrepreneurs / Business owners
- Organic enthusiasts / Hobbyists
- Extension officers
- Policy makers
- Students

COURSE FEE

RM 750

- ▶ Inclusive of course materials, farm visit and meals (lunch and tea breaks)
- The number of participants will be limited to 30 on a first come first served basis
- Registration information and payment should be submitted by **February 1, 2011**

Note: Please make your own arrangements for accommodation.