

## Message from Director of the Administrative Office



I am honored to serve as the Director of the Administrative Office at the Center since 2017 September. In 2017, nine sessions had been successfully conducted, including four regular sessions co-sponsored by the ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and the Council of Agriculture, two trainings fully supported by the MOFA, one session for Vietnamese high-level officials supported by the ROC government, and two courses commissioned by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In total, there were 204 officials and experts from 55 countries participating this year's training.

Subjects in the training courses covered the following fields: Agriculture Development, Land Policy, Urban Planning, Smart City, Fish Farming, and Plant Quarantine. Lectures were given by

esteemed overseas and domestic professors and experts. All the sessions comprised three main components, namely lectures, individual country presentation and field trips. In addition to that, the Center managed to manoeuvre within its limited budget on maintenance and renovation of classroom facilities and the campus surroundings so as to keep up with the modern facilities and to assure the training quality.

In 2018, the Center will be joyfully celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Events including the conference and banquet are to be arranged to go along with this celebration in which worldwide alumni and eminent lecturers are cordially invited to join together. With this opportunity, I would like to express my thanks to the ICLPST faculty. Without their generous sharing of expertise, the training could not be successful. My acknowledgement also extends to my colleagues at the Center, though compact as they may be, they all work with their best endeavour. And I believe, it is with this commitment, we can make more contribution to international society; and, furthermore, make the world see a beautiful, friendly and prosperous nation-Taiwan.

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