

CCNFE NEWS

VISITORS from April 08 to October 08

August -

Ms. Shoko Okumura Expert of Nutrition

September -

Ms. Yukiko Iduka Coordinator,
NGO-JICA Japan Desk

Study tour group LIFE JAPAN

October -

Rev. Dr. Yam Kho Pau

Director, Scholarship program
Myanmar Christian Council

Thank you for visiting us!!!

STAFF Recruitment

1) Training / Assistant Coordinator
(Agricultural Specialist / Organic Farming)

Willing to work for sustainable agriculture
with our SCSA participants

2) Women's Program Coordinator

Willing to work with villagers for community
organizing such as SHG / Youth club ...

contact us... College of Continuing and Non-Formal Education AAI-DU
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TRAINING LEARN ORGANIC FARMING???



< Special Course on Sustainable Agriculture (10 month course) >

"Training future grassroots leader through sustainable organic agriculture"
July 2009 - April 2010 Application should be submitted by **March. 1st 2008**

< Short Course for Rural Leaders (2 weeks course) >

"Rural women's empowerment through sustainable organic agriculture"
8th - 22th Feb 2008 Application should be submitted by **Jan. 15th 2009**

Contact for the detail information ...; Samir Topno, Training Coordinator
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HTC HARVEST THANKSGIVING CEREBRATION !

Organic Healthy Foods
Organic Vegetable Shop
Organic Farming Exhibition
CCNFE Activities in Village
Lucky Draw
Songs and Dancing...



Harvest Thanksgiving Ceremony will be held on 19th February 2009 at CCNFE campus.

AOAC(Cooperative) members, CCNFE participants and staff will organize to give thanks to God for our harvest, to encourage self-supporting mind and to promote our vision of sustainable development. You are welcomed to visit in this special day. The Short Course participants will join this cerebation.

Newsletter from College of Continuing & Non-Formal Education
Allahabad Agricultural Institute-Deemed University
Allahabad, U.P. 211007 India

HARVEST



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**'Change' and Give More
Education to Rural Population**

Dr. Teruo Miura, Dean

This year, our college conducted a village survey on rural young mothers in three marginal and small-scale farming communities in Allahabad District. Surprisingly, among rural women between 20-45 years, only 25% of them can read and write. Moreover, infant mortality rate and death rate of pregnant women are also very high compared with other regions and states of India. India has launched space business with highly advanced technologies and IT industries have become very popular and competitive in the world. These facts show that discrepancies and uneven development have taken place in this country.

Since last September, CCNFE has resumed literacy classes for rural women in three villages where women's literacy rate has been kept very low. The opening ceremonies were held in the presence of village heads. Each class had to 31 enrollments. When we looked over the new students, approximately half of them are unmarried women whose age is between 9 and 18 years old. Most of them had never gone to school. Among those married women whose age is between 18 and 45 years old, many had gone to school for 3 to 6 years. However, they are also not able to read and write. Indeed, it is

surprising for us that many national staff members were not aware of these facts.

CCNFE has determined to set up non-formal farmers' schools called 'Asha Rural College in several villages in the districts. The schools provide the place where rural women organize small-help groups (SHG), having literacy classes as well as income-generating activities. Besides, rural youth and farmers in collaboration with our college and local organizations will organize livestock and agricultural seminars to learn and discuss sustainable agricultural technologies and alternative marketing strategies. The first school was opened 11th of October in collaboration with rural youth and Allahabad Organic Agricultural Cooperative members.

Development efforts demand for "change" of negative aspects of physical as well as psychological elements including value-systems and attitudes in order to foster betterment of rural life. However, the change in rural sector appears to be too slow to cope with a rapidly transforming society. CCNFE has come to provide more required education to the rural population, providing more practical knowledge and skills for the improvement of quality of rural living.