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No. HEDN-B1/1035/2016-HEDN

Higher Education (B) Department
Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 20/12/2016

From: The Principal Secretary to Government

To:

- The Registrar, Kerala University,
- The Registrar, Calicut University
- The Registrar, Kannur University
- The Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
- The Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology
- The Registrar, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
- The Registrar, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University
- The Registrar, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
- The Registrar, National University of Advanced Legal Studies
- The Registrar, Kerala Agriculture University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur
- The Registrar, Central University of Kerala
- The Registrar, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies
- The Director, Public Instruction, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram
- The State Project Co-ordinator, RUSA, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Secretary, Kerala State Library Council, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director C-apt, Thiruvananthapuram

Sir:

Sub: Higher Education Department—International Seminar on Emerging Trends in Organic

Farming and Sustainable Agriculture—Participation of Universities requested —reg

Ref:- Letter No. Regr/IUCOFS/789/2016 dated 3/12/2016 received from the Registrar,
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

I am to forward herewith a copy of the reference cited and to request you to intimate the same to all institutions under your Administrative Control. Sanction is hereby accorded to all willing institutions to participate the International Seminar on Emerging Trends in Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture conducted by the Mahatma Gandhi University from 29/12/2016 to 31/12/2016 by meeting registration fee from the PTA fund or any other own fund available with the institutions concerned and also to visit the Exhibition centre to Purchase books/implements/ saplings/ indigenous seeds for the institution meeting the expenses from available funds. You are also permitted to avail stalls at the exhibition centre for demonstration of your activities.

Yours Faithfully

Jigi.C. Dominic

Under Secretary to Government
for Principal Secretary to Government

Approved for issue

Section Officer

Copy :- The Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University (for favour of information)

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3rd Dec 2016

Registrar,

Principal Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Govt of Kerala

Sir,

Sub: Mahatma Gandhi University - Inter University Centre for Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture - International Seminar on Emerging Trends in Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture - Organising - Participation from the Department of Higher Education - request - reg...

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I may inform with immense pleasure that responding to the needs of the time this University has established an Inter University Centre for Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture (IUCOFS) with the support of Govt of Kerala. Agriculture, which is still the backbone of our economy has re-established its centrality to our lives in the context of growing threats to the environment and the near extinction of traditional farming practices. IUCOFS would focus on agriculture sans the deleterious effects of pesticide lead farming which has come to dominate our life with consequences severely impacting health and longevity. The revival of traditional farming practices which are definitely environment/health friendly and are more responsive to ones' immediate surroundings too figure high on the agenda of the centre. With this objective in mind the centre has conceived an International Seminar on Emerging Trends in Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture and an Exhibition to be held from 29th Dec 2016- 31st Dec 2016. While the Seminar would debate all the issues that bear even remotely on the larger issues of organic farming and sustainable agriculture, the exhibition hopes to show case the diversity of our endemic agricultural practices by displaying agricultural tools, implements, seeds, forest produce and other inevitables that contribute to the tremendous variety of farm practices that have withstood the test of times and which have been handed down by generations.

Considering the importance and relevance of the topic, it is humbly requested that necessary directions may be given to various Universities/ Colleges/Schools on the following:

1. Those who are desirous to participate in the International Seminar may be permitted to meet the registration fee from the PTA fund or any other fund available with the institution concerned.
2. To visit the exhibition and purchase books/implements/saplings/indigenous seeds for the institution and to meet the expenses from the funds available with the institution
3. To participate in the exhibition by availing stalls.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours faithfully,

(M R Unni)

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