The search is on for candidates for the Dioscoro L. Umali Achievement Award in Agricultural Development.

The award recognizes exemplary individuals in Southeast Asia who have contributed to the advancement of agricultural development in the region as exemplified by Dr. Dioscoro L. Umali, the first Director of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) and a renowned development practitioner. It covers achievements along the full range of fields that contribute to agricultural development including plant and animal sciences, land and water management, environment and natural resource management, technology development, social organization, food security, poverty reduction, economics and business, and policy and governance, among others.

The award is given biennially and comes with a cash prize of US$10,000 and a plaque.

It is a collaboration among SEARCA, the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST, Philippines), and Dioscoro L. Umali Foundation, Inc. (DLUF).

Eligibility

The award is open to living nationals of any Southeast Asian country whose work in the region has resulted in an exceptionally significant impact on the development of agriculture and the improvement of the quality of life in rural communities in the region, especially among small farmers.

Nomination*

Only candidates nominated in writing by qualified nominators, accompanied by supporting documentation, shall be considered in the evaluation process by a Selection Committee composed of esteemed scientists and experts in the field of agriculture and rural development. Nominations shall be kept confidential by the nominator and the Selection Committee.

Deadline for nominations is 31 May of every year.

For more information and for downloadable forms, please go to: http://www.searca.org/dlumali

*No current officials of SEARCA, DLUF, and NAST, Philippines may be nominated for the award.