What is the impact?
ARI has trained more than 1,300 rural leaders — dedicated servants committed to working side by side with their people toward more sustainable, healthy, self-reliant communities.

"Using the ARI training and experiences, I have gained in my work, I have seen people transformed from hopeless people to people with hope.”
Mr. Peter Chandi, Kenya

“The most influential attitudes I gained at ARI are being a good servant leader, how to value every individual and multi-cultural experiences. I apply these every day in my work with different people. I treasure the belief that a good follower is a good leader.”
Ms. Genalyn Oliveros, Philippines

"After ARI training I changed my attitude toward leadership. I learned that servant leadership is the best way to change a society. I experienced this personally when I started to work with my people. ARI is the place where I found theology in action.”
Fr. Laksiri Peiris, Sri Lanka

"I learnt from many people in ARI, especially Dr. Takami, who really taught me by action. The most important thing for me is how to practice what I observed in my daily life at ARI. Now, I practice it in my family, my organization, and my community.”
Rev. Tigor Sihombing, Indonesia

We invite your financial participation in ARI

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www.ari-edu.org
What is ARI?
ARI is a training center for rural community leaders set on a six hectare farm in eastern Japan. Founded in 1973, we conduct a yearly Rural Leaders Training Program in which we nurture and train grassroots leaders from communities throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Americas.

Who takes part?
ARI invites rural leaders who are living and working with people in their rural communities. We place emphasis on reaching the most marginalized, poor, and oppressed peoples, with particular attention placed on the recruitment of women leaders.

Christian in inspiration, ARI is ecumenical in practice. We welcome people of any faith, ethnicity, class, or profession as long as they share ARI’s vision and pledge to return home to work with their people after they complete the training. In the past we have trained church leaders, community and village leaders, NGO personnel, agricultural trainers, teachers, orphanage staff, and many more.

What do we teach?
All people and their communities have within themselves the capabilities and resources to live a dignified and healthy life.

Sustainable Agriculture
We practice and teach methods of integrated organic farming. This incorporates techniques of enriching the soil, cultivating crops, and rearing livestock naturally. In all areas we promote the use of materials and technology that are available locally in our participants’ communities so that they can reduce dependency on outside resources and gain greater self-sufficiency in food and feed production. Working together, participants, staff, and volunteers produce most of the food we eat on campus.

Servant Leadership
We show the importance of being a leader as one who serves and works at the level of the people. A servant leader lives a life that is an example and an inspiration to help all people to reach their highest potential.

Community Building
Our training facilitates the discovery and utilization of the strengths and talents inherent in all people: organizing community through full participation in decision making, in contribution of abilities, and in access to resources.

How do we teach?
Community-Based Training
Each year we invite about 30 women and men to take part in the nine month program. Together we build a community in which we respect different cultures and faiths and where everyone actively participates. Teaching, learning, and growing are experienced mutually as we share in our work and exchange our ideas, values, and life experiences.

Learning by Doing
Practical training takes place through the daily labor of maintaining our self-sufficient farm. Participants manage their own fields where they experiment with ideas they have learned in the classroom or observed during study trips. As participants work and learn, they can exercise leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and initiative within the ARI community.

Foodlife
At the heart of our training is the concept of ‘Foodlife’ — holding significant value in life and the food that sustains life. It is a joyful experience when community members produce food through their own labor and then gather around the table to share meals prepared from their own harvest. At every meal we experience the blessings of God and the heart of the community.