



AVRDC
The World Vegetable Center

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Specialist

AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center is a nonprofit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and regional offices around the globe. AVRDC conducts research and development programs that contribute to improved incomes and diets in the developing world through increased production and consumption of nutritious and health-promoting vegetables. For more information on AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center, please visit our website: www.avrdc.org.

AVRDC seeks an Assistant Specialist to facilitate dissemination and stakeholder innovation of vegetable technologies developed by the Center to maximize the Center's research and development impact. The position will be based in the Global Technology Dissemination (GTD) group at AVRDC's Headquarters in Shanhua, Tainan, Taiwan and report to the Head of the GTD.

This is a nationally recruited staff position and open for Taiwan nationals only.

The Job:

The Assistant Specialist's major responsibilities will be in the following areas:

- Act as a technology dissemination link between the Center's various themes, regions and the individuals, communities and organizations for whom the technologies are useful
- Plan and disseminate developed technologies within and outside Taiwan to NARES, NGOs, farmer's associations, trade bodies, etc using training, participatory learning, exhibits, demonstrations, extension methods and tools
- Manage the Demonstration Garden - the Center's showcase to demonstrate technologies and their outputs; plan and cultivate 50-100 vegetable varieties year-round, prepare models, exhibits on technologies like grafting, netting, drip irrigation, insect traps, etc, Provide demonstration tours to visitors in English and Chinese
- Supervise field staff and manage resources required for the Demonstration Garden
- Work as a member of the GTD team in data collection, analysis and publication of results and outcomes, including extension publications and videos
- Carry out other duties assigned by the Head of GTD.

The Person: Candidates with a Masters degree in Agricultural Sciences or a related discipline with work experience in agricultural extension, farm management or in aspects similar to the above mentioned responsibilities. Besides proficiency in Chinese, the person must have high proficiency in written and spoken English.

The candidate must be able to work as a member of interdisciplinary teams in a multicultural, multinational environment, and should be able to interact effectively with the visitors and partners.

The Reward: This is a Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) position with competitive pay and benefits. The initial appointment is for one year and may be extended depending on requirement, funding availability, and performance of the incumbent.

How to Apply: Submit application in English with Curriculum vitae, a recent passport size photograph and names and addresses (including telephone/fax/e-mail) of three referees by e-mail to jobapply@worldveg.org before 19 June 2014.