

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Dear Readers:*

**Shalom** Magazine reaches you once again, bringing word about MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**M**ASHAV continues its development work throughout the world, training thousands of professionals each year and striving to alleviate shared global problems, encouraging its graduates to adapt the knowledge acquired in the training courses to their respective cultural and social realities, economic potential, natural resources and regional priorities. Shalom Magazine remains a strong link between MASHAV and its graduates everywhere, addressing issues that lie at the core of development.

**A**s computers become more accessible, many more of you are going on-line. You can learn about MASHAV's many programs and activities on an ongoing basis by going to our Web site at <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il> where you can also send comments and suggestions.

You can also find MASHAV in **Facebook** ("Israel Center for International Cooperation") and in **Twitter** (MASHAVisrael).

**I**n addition, we are developing a new digital newsletter, which will include information on exciting innovations that we – and you, our graduates – are making in various fields. In this regard, if you have a new e-mail address, please forward it, enabling us to update our database and provide you with this important information.

With warm regards,

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*This letter was sent to Jacob Lomas,  
Director of the Israel Meteorological  
Center:*

January 2009

*Dear friends,*

I am back in the Czech Republic. I was very pleased to meet you all. Let me express to Giora, to Mr. Lomas as well as to other lecturers (Mr. Moshe Mandel, Mr. Collin, Mr.

Manes) my deep thanks for the interesting lectures, advice and the open approach to all participants, and for your readiness and patience to explain and hand over your knowledge and experience.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Department of International Cooperation MASHAV for allowing me to take part in the very good

and useful course. I could learn something new, meet new friends and visit interesting places during field trips. I will keep my memories deep in my mind and heart.

Let me wish to all of you all good health, good luck, peace and success both in your professional and your personal life. Keep in touch.  
With compliments,

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February 2009

*Dear Editor,*

I am happy to receive Shalom Magazine on the Spring Holidays in 2009. The magazine helps me have the new information about MCTC in Israel. I was lucky that the Ministry of Training and Education of Viet Nam sent me to the International Course on Bilingual and Multilingual Language for Early Childhood Education at MCTC in Haifa from November 15 to December 5, 2001, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel.

Despite the many years passed, I have still memories from my teachers and staffs that helped me understand better and respect the culture and history of Israel. I am still able to use knowledge gained to solve problems in my work dealing with Bilingual Language Education for Ethnic Children. I would like to express my thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, and to the Ambassador in Viet Nam, who helped me so much.

I take this opportunity to send my thanks to my teachers and staffs in MCTC. I wish they are happiness and health. Thank you very much for having still me in mind to posting Shalom Magazine. Best regards,

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**Dear Editor,**

Shalom! First of all I would like to thank once again the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MASHAV program and the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, for providing me opportunity to participate the 58th Post graduate training program in emergency medicine. We were 22 participants from various countries. This was the best time of my life. You gave us the best opportunity to benefit from your shared experience and knowledge in various medicine specialties. I can't forget kindness staff of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine especially Prof. Maymon, Allison, Tal and Daphna. All the remembrances remain with me forever in my heart and mind.

I would like to bring in your kind attention that after my return from Israel, I applied the knowledge acquired in the course in my Hospital. I have organized a few training programs in Trauma Management for our staff. (eg. Nurses. Paramedics). As a military doctor such training program was helpful to me and my country.

I would like to use this opportunity to extend my sincerest gratitude to

all of you and wishing to you and your family happy and prosperous future.

Yours sincerely,

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*This letter was sent to NISPED – the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development*

February 2009

**Dear friends,**

My experience in Israel last November was simply THE BEST, I HAVE EVER HAD! It was the perfect match between learning by doing (theory and practice) and lot of travels around Israel. I can't put into words what an amazing experience it had been for me, and now – almost two months later – I can say unto you that I have met with the Government officials i.e. the director of cooperatives in the Ministry of Cooperatives in Tanzania Dr. Kashuriza, and we have arranged for a meeting with cooperative stakeholders in Tanzania to see how better Tanzania cooperatives can do for the economy of the country with experience from Israel (the case study of Israel).

It would give me a great pleasure to meet Mr. Goldman and Dr. Paz again to share these thoughts with them here in Tanzania. You will be updated every step before the actual day of the workshop. I was also thinking that maybe we can initiate a reunion for all of NISPED past graduates through the local Shalom Club to 'practice what we

learned' for the development of our region. We can use this forum to get in touch with one another and plan developments of rural population who are lagging behind in every aspect of human development.

With Regards,

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*This letter was sent to Joyce Fried at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences:*

April 2009

**Dear Madam:**

I am glad to inform you that the research proposal I submitted during our training there was conducted and the results were presented in an agency, regional, national and international research forum. This was also published in research journals. Said output garnered awards and recognition in many research forums.

I would like also to inform you that I'm designated as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture, Graduate School and Research Coordinator of the College of Agriculture (Nueva Vizcaya State University, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya). I am also the Alumni Relations Officer of the said University.

I am taking this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to MASHAV and HUJI for laying the foundations that led me to what I am today. The things that I have learned in your International Course did not only benefit me personally



but most specially my students, communities and my country in general. I hope that I would be able to attend again one of your international courses in the future. Thank you and more power! May God bless you always!  
Respectfully yours,

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*This letter was sent to CINADCO Staff:*

June 2009

*Dear Sirs,*

Under the support and concentration of the working staff and leaders from your ministry, the 10-days training of Modern Israeli Agriculture Technology for Guangxi Agriculture Department successfully concluded on June 26, 2009. On June 24, the Minister of Agriculture met the director general of Guangxi Agriculture Department and the members of the training delegation. We want to express our appreciation to the Minister, the leaders and working staff of your ministry and especially to Dr. Ezra Shoshani, the counsellor of MASHAV, Science and Agriculture of Embassy of Israel to China.

During the training in Israel, the relative departments and working staff of your country gave us a lot of support and assistance; working so hard and so responsible, offering a high-level training according to the requirements

from us. We successfully learned a lot of advanced knowledge of greenhouses, drip irrigation, seeds, agricultural products processing and storage, etc. We want to send our highly appreciation to all the Israeli people who gave us help through your ministry.

**The Agriculture Department**

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*This letter was sent to Beth-Eden Kite, Director of Training Department, MASHAV:*

January 2009

*Dear Ms. Kite,*

The Team of the ASSISTANCE TO THE INTEGRATION OF DEMOBILIZED CHILD SOLDIERS (AIDC) and myself have pleasure to wish you during this New Year a good Health, the true Peace, the true Happiness and Success in all projects and activities that you will initiate. Thank you very much for all that you have given us as values and acquired in 2008. We hope that 2009 will give us more opportunities to work together for the rehabilitation and reintegration of African children in difficulty, with a view to consolidate the peace in this continent, to fight against poverty and to promote different initiatives of the sustainable development in Africa.  
Warm regards and Shalom,

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