Singapore Cooperation Programme

Singapore has provided technical assistance to other developing countries since the 1960s. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes that human resource development is vital for economic and social progress. Singapore itself has benefited from training provided by other countries and international organisations.

In 1992, the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established to bring together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes were increased to share Singapore's development experience with other developing countries.

To date, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 100,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

National Institute of Education

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is the national teacher education institute in Singapore, providing teacher training, in-service development, and school leadership education and development. Through the years, NIE has positioned itself as a bed-rock of education in Singapore and built a unique brand name in teacher education internationally. Coupled with its extensive educational research activities, NIE has contributed significantly to Singapore's position as the regional education hub.

NIE has also been widely engaged for developing and conducting educators training programmes and project planning by both local and international clients, including the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Thailand, China and Indonesia. It also has extensive international experience in education consulting spearheaded by its consultancy arm, NIE International.
Course Objectives

This course will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the development of teacher education in Singapore and the strategies the country adopts to sustain a quality teaching workforce.

The course will allow participants to:

- Identify emerging educational trends and issues countries face in today's competitive global environment.
- Understand the critical success factors for Singapore's successful transformation of its teacher-education system.
- Understand the role of NIE in supporting the training and development of Singapore's teachers.
- Understand policies governing how teachers are trained and deployed and how their performance is tracked.
- Examine the factors behind the development of public teaching into one of the top professions in Singapore.
- Apply and contextualize Singapore's "best practices" in teacher-education to participants' countries education situation.

Synopsis

The 5-days course will provide participants with the essential background to understanding Singapore's education system in today's rapidly changing landscape and how the 21st century school is an organization that responds to change, stays relevant and has the ability to learn.

Topics to be covered include:

- The Fourth Industrial Revolution and its impact on education in the 21st century
- Current state of Teacher Education
- Importance of professional development of teachers
- Roles of schools in teacher capabilities development and sustaining a quality teaching workforce
- Performance Management and performance-tracking of Singapore's teachers

Methodology

Participants will encounter a holistic approach in understanding the essential background, current updates and success factors in Singapore's teacher education. There will be hands-on activities and mini-group presentation to engage participants in discussion. Participants will also be able to explore on possibilities to contextualize and apply the "best practices" to their own country's system in the ever-changing global environment and the educational landscape. This will be done through classroom style sessions, school visits and educational site visits.

Duration

The course will be held from 15 to 19 May 2017.

Application Information

Participants should be:

- Principals, educators and mid- to senior officials from government institutions, education ministries and related government agencies involved in teacher education.
- Nominated by their respective Governments.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- In good health.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award and the Small Island Developing States Technical Cooperation Programme.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (thereafter known as participants) during their training in Singapore. These expenses include:

- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars ($120) from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course];
- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and

Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

Note:

(i) The nominating government will be responsible for their participants' round-trip airfares.
(ii) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving allowance.
(iii) Any expenses for out-patient medical/dental treatment will be borne by the participants themselves.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

(a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions.
(b) Not bring any member of their family and/or aide for the duration of the course.
(c) Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Government or the Government of Singapore with respect to the course.
(d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore.
(e) Discontinue the course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training or have committed an improper act.
(f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: 3 April 2017)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance to nominate one (1) suitable applicant. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted by the respective Government Institutions, using the official application form. The application forms are to be submitted and should reach the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore through the National Focal Point and the Singapore Embassy in the nominating country not later than Monday, 3 April 2017.

Please address the forms to:

Director-General
Technical Cooperation Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Tanglin
Singapore 248163

Attn: Mr Leroy Chen Ziqiang
Tel: (65) 6379 8466
Fax: (65) 6479 3357
E-mail: Chen_Ziqiang@mfa.gov.sg

To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail/fax to the email address/fax number stated above. The original application forms can be mailed through diplomatic or normal channels.

All application forms should be completed in full and must bear the endorsement of the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point responsible for technical assistance.

Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.

Applicants should refrain from making telephone, fax and email inquiries on the status of their applications.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country.

Flight arrangements are only to be made upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.
Information on Singapore

For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at www.yoursingapore.com

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Please type or write clearly in capital letters. Do not leave any space blank. Use "NIL" or "N/A" where applicable.

Programme: Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award (SCPTA) / Small Island Developing States Technical Cooperation Programme (SIDSTEC)
Course Title: 21st Century Teacher Education
Course Dates: 15 to 19 May 2017

PART ONE: APPLICANT DETAILS (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Applicant's Particulars

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### Previous Attendance

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PART TWO: DECLARATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

I, ________________________________ ________________________________
Name of applicant Representing Country/Territory

Declare that:

(a) All information provided is true, complete and accurate to the best of my belief and knowledge, and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material facts;

(b) I am medically fit and free from any medical problems which may impair my ability to attend and complete the training in Singapore;

(c) I am proficient in spoken and written English. (The course will be conducted in English. All participants are expected to have a good working knowledge of the English language.); and

(d) I will be personally liable for all medical expenses incurred during my stay in Singapore, other than those covered under the Group Personal Accident Insurance and Group Hospital & Surgical Insurance policy.

(IMPORTANT NOTE: All successful participants are covered under Group Personal Accident and Group Hospital & Surgical Insurance, which does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy. As the coverage is limited, participants are advised to make their own arrangements to obtain adequate medical insurance coverage for their stay in Singapore.)

(e) (For pregnant applicants) I am ______ months pregnant and am/am not certified by a qualified doctor to be medically fit and in good health to travel and attend the training in Singapore;

I fully understand that if I fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the training award, and/or any of the above declarations are found to be untrue, the award will be terminated with immediate effect and I will be liable to depart from Singapore at my own expense.

__________________________        ____________________________
Date                              Signature of applicant

NOTE: This application form should be duly completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in your country/territory. Forms which are incomplete or not endorsed will not be accepted.
PART THREE: TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECT SUPERVISOR

I nominate (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms*) __________________ holding Passport No. __________ for the training course.

Name and Designation

Name of Organisation

Signature

Email Address

Country code  Area code  Office tel no.

Country code  Area code  Office fax no.

Please describe why the applicant has been nominated for this course:


Please describe what skills / knowledge you would like the applicant to gain from this course:


PART FOUR: ENDORSEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NOMINATING GOVERNMENT)

By signing below, I confirm that I endorse the above nominee and that I believe all the statements in this form to be correct.

Name

Designation

Signature

Email Address

(Ministry’s Official Stamp)

Name of Organisation

Country code  Area code  Office tel no.

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