

BUILDING FOOD SECURITY

19 TO 23 OCTOBER 2015

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SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD/
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PROGRAMME**

to be conducted by the

**NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY –
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION, SINGAPORE**

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 90,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Nanyang Technological University – Centre for Continuing Education, Singapore

Young and research-intensive, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is one of the fastest-rising universities in the world with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. Hailing from more than 70 countries, the university's 3,800-strong teaching and research staff brings dynamic international perspectives and years of solid industry experience.

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) of NTU was set up in July 1991. It acts as a link between NTU and the community by providing continuing education for professionals who are keen to advance their knowledge and learn practical skills.

CCE has trained tens of thousands of leaders and professionals and continues to strengthen its position as a leading professional development training provider in Singapore and the region.

Course Objectives

Asia faces serious challenges to its food security: Changing demographics and consumption patterns, productivity decline in agriculture, degradation of natural resource base, climate change impacts, food price volatility, rising input costs, as well as transformation of supply chains.

This course aims to share Singapore's experiences and policies in managing food security issues in the 21st century, as well as provide an introduction of food security roadmap in Singapore. Participants will learn to design and implement a food security roadmap for sustainable food security for their citizens.

Synopsis and Methodology

The topics to be covered over the 5 -day programme would include the following:

- Challenges and trends of food security in the region and globally. This will cover the changing demographics and consumption patterns, productivity decline in agriculture, degradation of natural resource base, food price volatility, rising output costs as well as transformation of supply chains
- Meeting the goals of food security in Singapore. Introduction to food security in Singapore. Singapore's experiences and policies in managing food security issues in the 21st century.
- Food Security Roadmap for Singapore. Introducing AVA's food security roadmap for Singapore, diversifying sources of food imports, stockpiling and other new possibilities of food sources for food imports. Singapore's Budget 2015: Reducing food waste to enhance food security. Efforts in food resilience, domestic food production, and examples of urban farming.

The programme would comprise the delivery of a systematic curriculum and relevant course materials that would be used for interactive discussions in the classroom. To achieve the above course objectives more effectively, these course materials will be delivered by a team of experts from relevant public agencies and industry in Singapore.

Moreover, highlight of the programme would be field visits to the food manufacturing plants in Singapore and briefing by the processed food manufacturers and government officials involved in actual projects to

understand Singapore's experiences in ensuring and managing food security.

To enhance the output of the program and to crystallize the knowledge gained by participants, there will be discussion with the officials and policy makers on how they can incorporate the knowledge gained into their approaches in food security in their country.

There will also be presentations and discussion with delegates on building food security roadmap, meeting the goals of food security in the respective countries on the last day of the programme.

Duration

The course will be held from **19 to 23 October 2015**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid to senior government officials with experience in policy making for food sustainability and environmental excellence
- Nominated by their respective Governments
- Proficient in spoken and written 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 (S\$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 the 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; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **7 September 2015**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points 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 Points

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, 7 September 2015**.

Please address the forms to:

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

**Attn: Mr Khairul Anwar
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Fax: (65) 6479 3357
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- 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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