

**TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
THE SINGAPORE EXPERIENCE**

4 TO 8 MAY 2015

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD/
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION
PROGRAMME**

to be conducted by the

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

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. Through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), Singapore can contribute to the development of other developing countries.

In 1992, the SCP was established, bringing together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes have been increased to meet the needs of developing countries.

Since 1992, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 90,000 officials from 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

National Institute of Education (NIE)

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is the national teacher education institute in Singapore, providing teacher training, in-service development and school leadership education & 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 a 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.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, participants should gain a better understanding of how Singapore's education has developed and the critical factors responsible for its successful transformation. Participants should also learn how to conceptualise and apply best practices in managing an education system.

Synopsis and Methodology

The course will share Singapore's experience in achieving education success and the benchmarks to ensure the relevance and responsiveness of Singapore's education system. Apart from lectures, there would be discussions and learning journeys, i.e. visits to schools or relevant institutions, to reinforce learning outside of the classroom.

Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and learn to apply "best practices" to their own respective countries' education systems.

Duration

The course will be held from **4 to 8 May 2015**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Senior education officials involved in education and formulation of education-related policies and framework
- Nominated by their respective governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English (no translation would be provided during the course)
- 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 recipient 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: **23 March 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, 23 March 2015**.

Please address the forms to:

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

**Attn: Mr K Faizal
Tel: (65) 6379 8476
Fax: (65) 6479 3357
E-mail: kamar_faizal_baharam@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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SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

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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: **Transforming Education in the 21st Century: The Singapore Experience**

Course Dates: **4 to 8 May 2015**

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

Applicant's Particulars

Title	Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Others (please circle accordingly)		
Family Name			
Given Name			
Gender		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	
Nationality		Representing Government of	
Passport Number		Passport Expiry Date (dd/mm/yy)	
Religion		Dietary Restrictions (If any)	

Contact Details

Country/Territory			State/Province			City/Town		
Office Address								
							Postal Code	
	Country Code	Area Code	Number	Personal Email				
Telephone No.								
Mobile				Other Email				
Fax No.								

Person to be notified in case of emergency

Name			Relationship			
Address			Telephone No.	Country Code	Area Code	Number
			Email			

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.

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Employment History

Organisation	Department	Designation	Nature of Job	From (dd/mm/yy)	To (dd/mm/yy)
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Educational Qualifications

Educational Qualification Attained	Educational Institution	From (dd/mm/yy)	To (dd/mm/yy)

Professional Qualifications

Description of Qualification	Date Attained

Previous Attendance

Have you attended any courses sponsored under the Singapore Cooperation Programme previously? If yes, please state the name and date of course(s)	Yes/No

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PART TWO: DECLARATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

I, _____ of _____
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

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PART THREE: TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECT SUPERVISOR

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

Name and Designation

Email Address

Name of Organisation

Country code Area code Office tel no.

Signature

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

(Ministry's Official Stamp)

Designation

Name of Organisation

Signature

Country code Area code Office tel no.

Email Address

Country code Area code Office fax no.

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