

BUILDING FOOD SECURITY

17 TO 21 OCTOBER 2016

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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 100,000 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

Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) is the fastest-rising university in the world's Top 50 and ranked 13th globally. NTU is also placed 1st amongst the world's best young universities. Hailing from 80 countries, the university's 4,300-strong faculty and research staff bring 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 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 in their own national context.

Synopsis

The 5-day programme will comprise the delivery of a systematic curriculum and relevant course materials that will be used for interactive discussions in the classroom.

Topics to be covered include:

- Challenges and trends of food security in the region and globally.
- Meeting the goals of food security in Singapore.
- Supporting and enabling strategies for food security in the medium to long run to support core strategies of the food security plan.
- Role of Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) and Food Security Roadmap for Singapore.

Methodology

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

There will also be presentations and panel discussions with participants on building food security roadmap and meeting the goals of food security in the participants' own national context.

Field visits to relevant sites and briefings by government officials involved in actual projects to understand Singapore's experiences in ensuring and managing food security will also be included.

Duration

The course will be held from **17 to 21 October 2016**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid to senior level government officials involved in policy making and public administration of food and agricultural programmes in the public sector;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in spoken and written English; and
- 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.
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **5 September 2016**)

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 SCP 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, 5 September 2016**.

Please address the forms to:

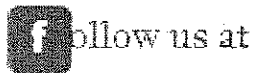
**Director-General
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- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail/fax to the **email address/fax number stated above**. The original application forms can be mailed through diplomatic or normal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