

## **SINGAPORE'S JOURNEY – RELIGION IN PLURAL SOCIETIES**

**4 TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sponsored by the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

under the

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

to be conducted by

**BLUE TRACK CENTRE**

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### **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 110,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Blue Track Centre**

Blue Track Centre is known for its professional development courses and signature B2B events that share thought leadership.

Blue Track Centre has extensive experience in developing and organizing a wide range of high profile international events. With several years of experience in producing high-level conferences, summits and training programmes, BlueTrack has developed and delivered several training courses for mid- to senior-level government officials in Asia and the rest of the world.

With a faculty comprising business and industry leaders across the globe, BlueTrack's network of knowledge experts create cutting-edge programmes.

## Course Objectives

This course will share Singapore's experience in establishing peace and harmony within its multi-racial society and provide an overview of the role of religion in relation to communal cohesion and conflict. Participants will learn how to manage and navigate rising religiosity and diversity in times of peace and conflict, drawing on conceptual frameworks and case studies.

## Synopsis

The training will explore the political, social and strategic challenges of religion in relation to conflict and communal cohesion and how Singapore's social policies and legal jurisprudence has ensured harmonious integration in the country's diverse religious landscape.

Topics to be covered includes:

- Singapore's initial challenges in establishing religious harmony.
- Managing religious diversity in early development.
- Trends in the global religious landscape.
- Religious extremism and violence.
- Tools for dialogue and conflict resolution

## Methodology

The course will be conducted in an interactive and immersive manner, with lecture presentations, group exercises and discussion. Case study scenarios will explore and discuss the relevance of issues to the participants' local experiences. Participants will also be encouraged to share and discuss application of practices to their country situation as part of broader learning.

## Duration

The course will be held from **4 to 8 September 2017**

## Application Information

Participants should be:

- Senior-level officials involved in policy-making related to domestic affairs, international relations,

community development, education and community leadership;

- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken 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 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.
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

### Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **24 July 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, 24 July 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  
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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](http://www.yoursingapore.com)



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