

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA**

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CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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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 115,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **National University of Singapore, Centre for International Law**

The Centre for International Law (CIL) was established in 2009 at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Bukit Timah Campus in response to the growing need for international law expertise, capacity-building and thought leadership in the Asia-Pacific region. It is a university-wide research centre that engages in multidisciplinary research, in collaboration with other NUS or external centres for research.

It is in the forefront of capacity-building initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region. Its focus areas of research and training include ASEAN Law and Policy; Ocean Law and Policy; Trade and Investment Law and Policy and International Dispute Resolution.

## Course Objectives

This course aims to provide an overview of the international law of the sea and its importance to Asia. The main focus will be on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and covers the rights and obligations of states in the various maritime zones.

By the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the importance of UNCLOS to the maintenance order in the oceans based on the rule of international law.
- Understand the dynamic processes by which the international law of the sea is developed and applied, especially in Asia.
- Understand the challenges of ocean governance in Asia and the action that should be taken at the national, regional and global levels to address these challenges.

## Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Principles of International Law / 1982 UNCLOS.
- High Seas.
- Baselines, Islands, Rocks and Low-tide Elevations.
- Internal Waters, Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone.
- Continental Shelf and Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.
- Exclusive Economic Zone.
- Straits Used for International Navigation and Archipelagic States.
- Maritime Boundary Delimitation.
- Installations and Structures / Submarine Cables and Pipelines.
- Piracy, other threats, and Regional Cooperation on Maritime Security in SE Asia.
- Marine Scientific Research, Survey and Military Activities.
- Marine Environmental Protection.
- The Area and 1994 Implementation Agreement.
- Fisheries and 1995 Fish Stocks Agreement.
- Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction.
- UNCLOS Dispute Settlement Regime.
- South China Sea Disputes.

## Methodology

The training will be conducted in a formal lecture or classroom-style followed by question/answer and interactive discussions. Relevant case studies will be used for group discussions. Site visits to relevant agencies and related organizations will also be included to complement the participants' learning experiences.

## Duration

The course will be held from **13 to 17 November 2017**.

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Government officials involved in issues related to the Law of the Sea;
- 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 its 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 Authority 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: **2 October 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 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, 2 October 2017**.

Please address the forms to:

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

**Attn: Ms Khui Joo Ying  
Tel: (65) 6379 8452  
E-mail: [Khui\\_joo\\_ying@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:Khui_joo_ying@mfa.gov.sg)**

- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail to the **email address 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 for Technical Assistance.
- Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone 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. The National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country.
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

**Information on Singapore**

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