

**SINGAPORE'S EXPERIENCE:
PROTECTION, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
UNDER THE WOMEN'S CHARTER**

3 TO 7 SEPTEMBER 2018

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD

to be conducted by the

SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

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 120,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Singapore Judicial College

Established under the auspices of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Singapore Judicial College (SJC) is dedicated to the learning and developmental needs of a professional judges corps. The SJC's Local Wing conducts continuing education and specialised training programmes for the Singapore Bench, whereas its International Wing offers customised programmes, as well as lends technical assistance, to foreign jurisdictions. The SJC's Empirical Judicial Research initiative provides a unique opportunity for research projects based on quantitative and data analysis to be undertaken to produce innovative judicial policies and practices.

Course Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will gain an appreciation of the:

- Rights and duties under the institution of marriage;
- Proper dissolution of marriages and management of ancillary matters such as custody and access, division of matrimonial properties and maintenance;
- Protection of and offences against women and girls in Singapore;
- Role of civil society organisations;
- Day-to-day work of relevant government agencies and organisations in Singapore.

Synopsis

This programme provides an overview of the protection, rights and obligations afforded under the Women's Charter in Singapore, specifically in relation to the institution of marriage and offences against women and girls. It also introduces the role of civil society organisations and the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). There will also be site visits to the Family Justice Courts, Ministry of Social and Family Development, and the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations.

Methodology

- Formal lectures;
- Case studies and analyses;
- Group discussions and presentations;
- Constructive peer-review and critique;
- Sharing and reflections

Duration

The course will be held from **3 to 7 September 2018**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Judges, judicial officers, government social workers and officers involved in the dispensation and administration of family justice and protection;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English;
- In good health

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award.

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;
- 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: **23 July 2018**)

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 **through online Application Forms** available at <https://start.wizvision.com/startpublic/>.

Information submitted online must be endorsed by the National Focal Point by **Monday, 23 July 2018**. Please do not hesitate to contact start-support@wizvision.com if you encounter technical issues during application.

- All application forms should be completed in full and submitted online. They must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance;
- Draft application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered;
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications;
- The system is hosted by a third party service provider. Please avoid providing input with sensitive or confidential information that should not be disclosed or made available online;
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The National Focal Point for Technical Assistance 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

For more information about Singapore, please visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at <http://www.yoursingapore.com>



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NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FAQ

ACRONYMS

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NFP	National Focal Point of Technical Assistance
APP SUPVR	Application Supervisor

COURSE MANAGEMENT

Q1) How can I disseminate the information for the applicants to apply?

A1) NFP can use 'Send Link to Apply' function under 'Course Action' button to send the application form for applicants to apply

Q2) How can I view a summary of all the courses I have to endorse?

A2) NFP can use 'back' button beside Course's Name to access the dashboard which shows all the courses that involves corresponding NFP.

APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT

Q3) Endorsement only has 'YES' option. What can we do if we do not wish to endorse for an application?

A3) If NFP does not wish to endorse for an application, NFP can leave the 'YES' option unselected.

Q4) 'Endorse all' function selects all Application. Is there any function to select all application except for a few?

A4) User can click 'YES' button at top of Endorsement Column to select all Applications. Once all Application has been selected, user can deselect individual applications by clicking 'YES' button next to the corresponding Application.

Q5) Can I change my decision after submitting my Endorsement?

A5) NFA can change your decision any time before submitting your endorsements. Endorsements submitted are considered final.

Q6) What is the save function for?

A6) The save function is for NFP to save their decision and not submit their endorsement. All submitted endorsements are considered final.

Q7) How can I differentiate between applications that were saved and submitted?

A7) Applications that were submitted will have an indication of the final decision in the NFP column. The decision in the Endorsement column is also non-editable. Applications that were saved and not submitted will not have an indication under the NFP column and decisions in the Endorsement column is editable.

Q8) I encountered a system error or technical issue when applying online. What should I do?

A8) Please submit a screenshot of your error to us at start-support@wizvision.com with the subject title prefixed with [START Technical Issue]. Our appointed service provider will get in touch with you as early as we can. It will be helpful if you can quote the **application ID, full name, and course name** together with an explanation of what were the actions that led to the error / technical issue.

