

**“THE THINKING HANDS STORY”:
ROLE OF TVET IN SINGAPORE'S
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

11 TO 13 JUNE 2018

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

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to be conducted by the

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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 118,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ITE Education Services Pte Ltd

ITE Education Services (ITEES) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Singapore. ITEES was established in 2003 with the objective of sharing ITE's experience in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) with the international community. Over the past decade, ITEES has pooled together a wide spectrum of ITE core competencies and intellectual property to assist international organisations, government agencies, TVET institutions and private organisations to raise the quality of skills development and vocational training.

To date, ITEES has extended the brand name of ITE to more than 27 countries globally. ITEES provides a flexible and responsive business model to meet the needs of industries with six core services: TVET Infrastructure Development, TVET Leadership Development, TVET Staff Capability Development, TVET Academic Development, TVET Academic Quality Assurance and TVET Licensing and Certification.

Course Objectives

TVET is an important component of any country's education system. In this course, participants will be challenged to rethink conventional notions of TVET. They will also gain insights into the role of TVET in providing solutions for education and manpower development, as well as achieving social and economic well-being.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Role of TVET in Singapore's economic and social development.
- Key challenges in TVET.
- Developing a competitive workforce.
- Building an inclusive society through TVET.
- Infrastructure transformation and innovation.

Methodology

The programme is designed to provide an overview of the Singapore Story on the importance of a whole of government approach in the alignment of TVET with social and economic development goals.

The programme will also comprise study visits to organisations and institutions.

It will provide participants with the opportunity to dialogue with Singapore's relevant policy makers to understand the crucial linkages between TVET and national development.

Duration

The course will be held from **11 to 13 June 2018**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- TVET senior policymakers and office holders involved in vocational education.
- 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: **30 April 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 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, 30 April 2018**.

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**

- 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

For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at www.yoursingapore.com



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- 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.

