

TARGET GROUP

Junior to mid-career diplomats and government officers whose tasks and functions are related to diplomacy and international relations.

LEARNING OUTCOME

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

- Gain a deeper understanding of local cultures and traditions;
- Enhance their ability to communicate effectively in the context of diplomacy;
- Identify the way in which culture effect communication; and
- Acquire knowledge on culture in preparation for them to effectively carry out their duties as diplomats.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Participants will learn through classroom lectures, discussion, group and individual in-class exercises and simulations, field trips and briefings. The course will be fully conducted in English.

COURSE CONTENT

- Introduction to Cross-Cultural Awareness
- The Culture of Innovation
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- The Role of Culture in Enhancing Bilateral Relations
- Language and Diplomacy
- Cross- Cultural Negotiations
- Cultural Dimensions
- Culture and Effects on Communication
- Culture and Media
- Cross-Cultural Competence – Towards Cultural Literacy
- Case Studies and Examples of Cultural Diplomacy
- Malaysia's Foreign Policy

PREREQUISITE / ELIGIBILITY

Interested applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Nominated by their Government;
- Below 35 years of age;
- Three or more years of working experience in international affairs/relations or cultural/tourism industry;
- Able to work independently and in groups;
- Medically fit; and
- Proficient in the English language at the intermediate level.

HOW TO APPLY

Application form can be downloaded at https://mtcpcoms.kln.gov.my/mtcpcoms/online/list_course and must be endorsed by the nearest Malaysian Embassy/High Commission. Completed applications must be submitted to the nearest Malaysian Embassy/High Commission before 22 May 2019.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS DURING COURSE

- All participants must arrive in Malaysia no later than the date of commencement of the course, unless expressly given permission by the Institute.
- Absence from any of the scheduled programmes during the course, including study visit, for any reason is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the Institute.
- All participants are expected to maintain a high level of participation during the lectures, and conduct themselves in an agreeable manner amongst their peers. Any show of poor conduct will be treated seriously and an immediate notification will be sent to the participants' mission in Malaysia and to their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- All participants must observe punctuality at all times. Those who are late or miss the IDFR transport must find their own way to the Institute to attend the lectures, or will otherwise be considered absent.
- Appropriate dress code during the course is working attire.

COURSE FEE, ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

All course fees are borne by the Government of Malaysia. Accommodation and food will be provided. Participants are not allowed to change any arrangement done by their training institute.

FARES

A return air ticket from the capital city of the recipient country to Kuala Lumpur on economy class is provided for participants.

MEDICAL

Participants should be certified medically and physically fit to participate in this programme. In the case of emergencies and need of medical treatment, medical expenses at a government hospital will be borne by the Government of Malaysia. However, medical expenses at private clinics shall be borne by the participants.

VISA

It is mandatory for all the MTCP participants to follow the Visa With Reference (VWR) application procedure. Once the approval is obtained, the training institution should send a copy of VDR approval letter to the participants. Subsequently, with the copy of the approval, the participants may get the VDR from the nearest Embassy of Malaysia. Wherever applicable, participants are advised to arrange for vaccination on their own prior to travel to Malaysia. Expenditures on all visa-related fees, airport tax/airport user's charge, transit insurance, excess luggage, travel tax, transit fees, domestic passenger terminal fees, phone charges, private purchases, etc borne by the participants.

VACCINATION

Participants from some countries are required to take a mandatory vaccination for yellow fever at least 10 days prior to their departure to Malaysia. Yellow Fever certificate is required to be produced upon landing in Malaysia for countries as listed at the link below: <https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>



MALYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)



COURSE ON INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS AND DIPLOMACY 2019

15 – 26 JULY 2019



INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS (IDFR)
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MALAYSIA

ABOUT MALAYSIA



Malaysia is a Southeast Asian country occupying the Malaysian Peninsula and part of the island of Borneo. It is known for its beaches, rainforests and mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and European influences. The sprawling capital, Kuala Lumpur, is home to colonial buildings, busy shopping districts such as Bukit Bintang and skyscrapers including the iconic, 451m-tall Petronas Twin Towers.

Nestled in between Thailand to the north and Singapore to the south, Malaysia is a federation which consists of 13 states (11 in West Malaysia, and two in East Malaysia) and three federal territories. As a federation, the governance of the country is divided between the federal and the state governments. Malaysia is a parliamentary democracy with a federal constitutional monarch, in which the DYMM Yang di-Pertuan Agong is head of state and the Prime Minister of Malaysia is the head of government.

Malaysia is a tropical holiday destination, where temperatures fluctuate between 25 and 35 degrees Celsius throughout the year. Nice breezes can be enjoyed on the many islands surrounding Malaysia, while the 'highlands' offer cooler temperatures that never exceed 25 degrees Celsius.

Language Bahasa Melayu, English is widely spoken

Population 32 million

Ethnic 68.8% Bumiputera (Malay + Indigenous), 23.2% Chinese, 7.0%

Indian & 1.0% Other

Capital Kuala Lumpur

Currency Ringgit Malaysia (RM) / Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)



MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) was established in 1980 as Malaysia's commitment to South-South Cooperation through the sharing of Malaysia's development experiences and expertise with other developing countries.

The objectives of the MTCP are:

- To share experience with other developing countries
- To strengthen bilateral ties with developing countries;
- To encourage and promote South-South Cooperation; and
- To encourage and promote technical cooperation within developing countries.

MTCP is premised on the principle that the development of a country is dependent on the quality of its human capital and resources. MTCP emphasises human resources development mainly through training; short-term courses in public and private Malaysian training institutions, and long-term courses in Malaysian public universities. Other forms of assistance include study visits, practical attachments and provision of services of experts.

Annually, MTCP collaborates with its leading Training Institution to conduct capacity building programmes in various key areas of development. Since its inception in 1980, more than **33, 000** participants from the **144** countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

A new direction for the MTCP was formulated following its placement under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (also known as Wisma Putra) in 2010. It entails prioritising developing countries of strategic interests, focusing on Malaysia's area of expertise, demand-driven courses/programmes, cultivation of potential participants who would later serve as 'friends of Malaysia', public-private partnership (PPP) and collaboration with new development partners beyond MTCP's traditional partners.

From the ten key broad areas, the MTCP would give more attention to the following several sub-areas namely Oil and Gas Industry, Products and Services including Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Palm Oil Industry, Food and Beverages, Halal Economy and Ecosystem, Islamic Finance and Banking, Construction, Health services, Diplomacy and Governance



INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS (IDFR)

IDFR, being the training arm of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia (Wisma Putra), conducts training courses in the field of diplomacy and foreign relations for Wisma Putra officers as well as officers from other Ministries and Agencies, both locally and internationally. The training programmes are practitioner-oriented and are aimed at equipping officers with the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges they face in the conduct of their professional duties.

Under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), IDFR offers courses to more than 144 countries worldwide. Additionally, IDFR collaborates with the ASEAN Secretariat, the Colombo Plan and the Commonwealth Secretariat to train diplomats from various countries. Apart from organising various foreign relations and diplomacy related courses, IDFR organises intellectual discourse programmes under the IDFR Lecture Series, Ambassador Lecture Series and Cultural Diplomacy Lecture Series.

IDFR also offers a thirteen month postgraduate programme for a Master of Social Science in Strategy and Diplomacy jointly with the National University of Malaysia (UKM).

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Culture plays a crucial role in building a strong connection between one individual to another using language as a medium of communication. In a broader sense, the term culture refers to a shared attribute of attitudes, values, goals and practices within societies, organizations and institutions. It can be defined as a powerful tool to link an individual with one community through sharing one or more conceptual thought applicable in every aspects of life such as in the working environment, family institution, education, corporate world and also in the diplomatic context. In the diplomatic world, culture could be a tool towards the sharing and exchanging of values and ideas between countries through global intercultural dialogues; to withstand adverse conditions on issues of injustice, to uphold towards a better global peace and stability. A country with a robust diplomatic construction is a nation that appreciates the role of culture in molding it as a whole entity.

The objectives of the module are to raise participants' awareness about diversity, both multi-racial and multi-ethnic. The course will raise awareness of one's cultural values, beliefs and perceptions, and the processes of communication across cultures and between different cultural groups.