

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- By the end of this course, the participants should be able to:
- Acquire knowledge on Malaysia's policy in foreign relations, economy, trade, investment and culture in helping participants to effectively carry out their duties as desk officer,
 - Develop, foster, enhance and maintain close working relations with Embassy of Malaysia abroad;
 - Network closely with their counterpart from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

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 Wisma Putra
- Overview of Malaysia's Foreign Policy
- Introductions to ASEAN and ASEAN Diplomacy: Influencing and Network-Building
- Introduction to Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP)
- Malaysia's Economic and Development Planning Process
- Malaysia at Multilateral Stage
- Malaysia's Diplomacy in South China Sea
- Malaysia Incorporated (Malaysia INC)
- International Trade Policy (MITI)
- Halal as a New Source of Economic Growth (HDC)
- Trade and Market Informations (MATRADE)
- Malaysia's Small and Medium Enterprise Policy (SME Corp)
- Generating Quality Investment in New and Emerging Technologies (MIDA)
- Session with Secretary General of Wisma Putra
- Session with Deputy Secretary General Bilateral of Wisma Putra
- Session with Deputy Secretary General Multilateral of Wisma Putra
- Session with Officers from Bilateral Department
- Country Report Presentation on the way forward with Malaysia

PREREQUISITE / ELIGIBILITY

Interested applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Nominated by their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs;
- Below 35 years of age;
- Two or more years of working experience in international affairs/relations or international trade;
- Have a basic university degree;
- Proficient in the English language;
- Medical fit; and
- Able to work independently and in groups

HOW TO APPLY

Application form can be downloaded at <https://mtcpcoops.kin.gov.my/mtcpcoops/online/list/course>. The completed applications must be submitted to the nearest Malaysian Embassy/High Commission before 14 April 2020.

The application must be completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Focal Points responsible for the MTCP Programme in the applicant's country, then submitted through the applicant's government with Note Verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia via the nearest Malaysian High Commission / Embassy.

Submitted application forms must be accompanied by the applicant's:

- Copy of Passport (Every pages)
 - Passport sized coloured photo (3.5cm x 5cm)
 - Medical Report
 - It is mandatory under MTCP for all the MTCP participants to follow the Visa With Reference (VWR) application procedure
 - INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNENDORSED FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED
 - Application form have to be accompanied by the applicant's medical passport copy of which
- ONLY SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED**

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. Participants will be provided with a daily allowance of RM85.00 that is sufficient to cover daily meals and laundry. However, if meals are provided by the organizer, some portion of the allowance shall be deducted. The amount received varies depending on the training institute. Food will be provided for the duration of the course.

FARES

A return air ticket from the capital city of the recipient country to Kuala Lumpur on economy class is provided to the 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 VWR approval letter to the participants. Subsequently, with the copy of the approval, the participants may get the VWR from the nearest Embassy of 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:

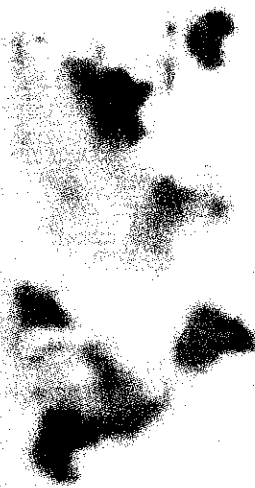
<https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>

TARGET GROUP

This course will be relevant to Desk Officer at selected Ministry of Foreign Affairs of MRCP recipient countries whose tasks and functions are related to Malaysia.



MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)



SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR MALAYSIA DESK OFFICERS 2020 (MID LEVEL) 14-20 JUNE 2020



INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATION (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.

Since the early 1980s, Malaysia has steadily diversified its economy. Major changes include a departure from a reliance on the cultivation and export of raw materials, in particular natural rubber, to a focus on services, manufacturing and tourism. Tourism, in particular, has had a significant impact and, as a generator of foreign exchange, is second only to the oil industry.

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)

Map of Malaysia



MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was initiated at the 1st Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) for Asia Pacific Region held in Sydney on February 1978. It was officially launched on 7th September 1980 at the 2nd CHOGRM in New Delhi, India, to signify Malaysia's commitment to South-South Cooperation, in particular Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

The MTCP emphasises the development of human resources through the provision of training in various areas which is essential for a country's development. These areas include public administration, good governance, health services, education, sustainable development, agriculture, trade and investment, ICT and banking. As of 31st December 2019, 34,415 participants from 144 recipient countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

For more information at MTCP website: https://mtcpcoms.kin.gov.my/mtcpcoms/online/about_mtcp

The objectives of the MTCP are:

- To share development experiences with other countries;
- To strengthen bilateral ties between Malaysia and other developing countries;
- To promote South-South Cooperation (SSC); and
- To promote technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC).

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

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, also known as IDFR, was established on 1 July 1991 under the Prime Minister's Department following a Cabinet decision dated 6 March 1991. It was officially launched that same year on 12 August by the then Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. On 27 March 2001 IDFR officially became part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Located in Kuala Lumpur, IDFR is housed in the former building of the Foreign Ministry. Its new campus was opened in 2006.

As the Ministry's training arm, IDFR conducts training programmes for Malaysian diplomatic officers as well as officers from other government ministries and agencies. Apart from the main diplomatic training courses, IDFR provides mid-career and follow up professional skills training to help enhance the professionalism of serving officers.

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. The Institute provides training in two broad areas: diplomacy and foreign relations, as well as foreign languages. In collaboration with the National University of Malaysia (UKM), IDFR offers a thirteen month postgraduate programme for a Master of Social Science in Strategy and Diplomacy.

IDFR also offers training courses to more than 136 countries worldwide, namely to participants from developing countries under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), ASEAN, Colombo Plan and Commonwealth countries.

IDFR trainees have numerous opportunities to participate in seminars, workshops and round table discussions, and benefit from keynote addresses and lectures by distinguished visiting scholars and international leaders. Speakers under IDFR's Public Lecture Series have included Ban Ki Moon, Kofi Annan, Lee Hsien Loong, Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah, the late Nelson Mandela, the late Benazir Bhutto and the late Yasser Arafat.

MTCP: SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR MALAYSIA DESK OFFICERS 2020

AIM

The course aims to enhance the participants' diplomatic knowledge and skills in the conduct of diplomatic and foreign relations as well as to improve the participants' professionalism and effectiveness in their performance of duties as diplomatic officers at home and abroad.

OVERVIEW

Diplomacy is an ongoing process of states promoting goodwill in furtherance of safeguarding the country's state policies, national security and interests. To accomplish the process, it requires diplomatic agents to engage with various state or non-state entities through communications, dialogues and negotiations.

In the 21st century, diplomacy is becoming more intricate and multifaceted. Given the complexity and interconnectedness due to globalization today, the nature of diplomacy has shifted into a new direction and poses new challenges for diplomatic actors. The role of diplomats, therefore, has become more significant and diverse. These officials are demanded to master professional negotiation techniques and develop sharp critical thinking skills at the same time. Hence, it is critical for young diplomats to grasp essential insight into the craft of diplomacy and their effective application, and to keep abreast of current international issues and trends.