

## TECHNOLOGY AND COURTS OF THE FUTURE

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**SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE**

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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 organizations.

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, over 131,000 officials from more than 170 countries and territories have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

### Singapore Judicial College

Established under the auspices of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Singapore Judicial College (SJC) is dedicated to the training and development of Judges and Judicial Officers. It consists of a Local and an International Wing, and Empirical Judicial Research laboratory. The Local Wing oversees the needs of the Singapore Judiciary, from induction to continuing education to research and developmental programmes. The International Wing offers Singapore as a forum of judicial training that encompasses induction training, core competencies development (such as judging, judicial ethics, case management, use of technology and judicial administration), recent developments on areas of legal interest and useful interdisciplinary studies. The SJC also serves as an Empirical Judicial Research laboratory with the aim of serving as a test bed for innovation in judicial studies and practices.

## Course Objectives

A well-functioning Judiciary is integral to governance, law enforcement and managing disputes in society. The application of technology in the Singapore Judiciary has brought enhancements in court processes, and reduced time and cost for all parties involved. This course will share experiences of the Singapore Judiciary in conceptualising and implementing technology to build a future-ready Judicial system.

## Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to specific court IT solutions and its applicability;
- The challenges in the conceptualisation, development and implementation of court IT solutions;
- The features of a conducive operating environment to support the use of IT in the courts.

## Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **20 participants** through a 'blended' virtual classroom comprising a combination of **asynchronous e-Learning** (independent and self-study of online modules on a web-based *Learning Management System*) and **synchronous e-Learning** ('live' e-learning sessions). There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the 'live' sessions.

## Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions, and;
- Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or Government and the Government of Singapore and its appointed trainer, with respect to the course.

## Duration

The course will be held over **5 days** from **14 to 18 September 2020**.

The '**Live**' e-learning sessions will be conducted from **1000hr to 1500hr (Singapore time; UTC+08:00 hours)** each day.

Participants are expected to complete the designated self-learning before attending the 'live' e-learning sessions that will be conducted from **1000hr to 1500hr (Singapore time; UTC+08:00)** each day.

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level court and Government officials involved in introducing technology to the Judiciary;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, and an internet-enabled device with functioning webcam, microphone and audio.
- 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.

## Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **10 August 2020**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) 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 NFP in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/courtsofthefuture> by **Monday, 10 August 2020**. All application forms must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

**Note:**

- Participants who complete all course assignments and attend all 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.
- 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 NFP will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country.



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