TECHNOLOGY AND COURTS OF THE FUTURE

 26 TO 30 JULY 2021

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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, over 132,000 officials from more than 180 countries, territories and intergovernmental organisations 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**

This course will cover the steps taken to conceptualise, develop and implement IT solutions for a more efficient Judiciary.

**Synopsis**

Topics to be covered include:

* Surveying the digital landscape for the courts of the future
* Challenges in conceptualisation, development and implementation of IT solutions
* Features of a conducive operating environment to support the use of IT in the courts
* Assess the applicability of IT solutions
* Strategies for IT solutions implementation

**Methodology**

This course will be delivered for up to **30 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 **26 to 30 July 2021.**

The ‘**Live**’ **e-learning sessions** will be conducted from **1000hrs** to **1630hrs (Singapore time; UTC+08:00 hours)** each day.

Participants are expected to complete the designated self-learning activities before attending the ‘live’ e-learning sessions.

**Application Information**

Applicants should be:

• Mid-to-senior level court and Government officials involved in developing IT solutions in the courts;

• 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: 2 July 2021**)**

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/technology-and-courts-of-the-future>by 2 July 2021. NFPs are also required to endorse nominees via email links. Instructions and FAQs for Applicants and NFPs can be found at the links below:

* Applicants: <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>
* NFPs: <https://go.gov.sg/start-nfp>

**Note:**

* Participants who complete all course assignments and attend at least 66% of 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.

#### Follow us at:

* SCP Website: [www.scp.gov.sg](http://www.scp.gov.sg)
* Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SCPFriends](http://www.facebook.com/SCPFriends)

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**ANNEX A**

**DAILY TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**DAY 1: MONDAY 26 JULY 2021**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 9.30 – 9.55am | **Sign-in to Zoom** |
| 10.00 – 10.15am (15 mins) | **Welcome and Opening Address** *Dean Foo, SJC* |
| 10.15 – 10.20am (5 mins) | **Video Presentation on Singapore Cooperation Programme** |
| 10.20 – 11.30am (1 hr 10 mins) | **Getting to Know (I): Classmates** *ED Quan, SJC* |
| 11.30 – 11.45am (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 11.45am – 12.15pm (30 mins) | **Getting to Know (II): Trainers and SJC** *ED Quan, SJC* |
| 12.15 – 1.30pm (1 hr 15 mins) | **Getting to Know (III): Your Learning Style and Class****Learning Style***ED Quan, SJC* |
| 1.30pm – 2.30pm (1 hr) | **Lunch** |
| 2.30 – 3.00pm (30 mins) | **Objectives, Roadmap and Goals of the Programme** |
| 3.00 – 4.00 pm (1 hr) | **Overview*** Digital landscape for the Courts of the Future
* Court IT and the Singapore story
* Class discussion: *Is technology a reality the courts must accept or is it a passing fad?*

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 4.00 – 4.15pm (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 4.15 – 4.30pm (15 mins) | **Reflections & Dean’s Deliberations** *Dean Foo, SJC* |
| **END OF DAY 1 PROGRAMME** |

**DAY 2: TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 9.30 – 9.55am | **Sign-in to Zoom** |
| 10.00 – 11.30am (1 hr 30 mins) | **Technology in the Supreme Court*** Technology showcase
* Case Study: Challenges in conceptualisation, development and implementation of Electronic Litigation System (eLit)

*Mr Tan Ken Hwee, Chief Transformation & Innovation Officer (Judiciary), Office of Transformation and Innovation (Judiciary), Supreme Court* |
| 11.30 – 11.45am (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 11.45am – 1.15pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Technology in the State Courts*** Technology Showcase
* Case Study: Challenges in conceptualisation, development and implementation of the Integrated Criminal Case Management System (ICMS) and the Community Justice and Tribunals System (CJTS)

*District Judge Toh Yung Cheong, Principal District Judge, Strategic Planning and Technology Division, State Courts* |
| 1.15pm – 2.15pm (1 hr) | **Lunch** |
| 2.15 – 3.45pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Technology in the Family Justice Courts*** Technology Showcase
* Case Study: Challenges in conceptualisation, development and implementation of the Family Application Management System (iFAMS)

*District Judge Colin Tan, Family Justice Courts* |
| 3.45 – 4.00pm (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 4.00 – 4.15pm (15 mins) | **Reflections & Summation** *ED Quan, SJC* |
| **END OF DAY 2 PROGRAMME** |

**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 9.30 – 9.55am | **Sign-in to Zoom** |
| 10.00 – 11.30am (1 hr 30 mins) | **Operating Environment (I)*** Legislative framework to support use of IT in the Judiciary

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 11.30 – 11.45am (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 11.45am – 1.15pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Operating Environment (II)*** Drivers in the Singapore Judiciary
* Covid-19

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 1.15pm – 2.15pm (1 hr) | **Lunch** |
| 2.15 – 3.45pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Breakout Session*** Applicability of court IT solutions
* Conduciveness of operating environment
* Effectiveness of IT solutions as a response to Covid-19
* Class presentation
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| 3.45 – 4.00pm (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 4.00 – 4.15pm (15 mins) | **Reflections & Summation** *ED Quan, SJC* |
| **END OF DAY 3 PROGRAMME** |

**DAY 4: THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 9.30 – 9.55am | **Sign-in to Zoom** |
| 10.00 – 11.30am (1 hr 30 mins) | **Courts of the Future (I)*** LawTech: The Chinese Experience

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 11.30 – 11.45am (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 11.45am – 1.15pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Courts of the Future (II)*** Online courts

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 1.15pm – 2.15pm (1 hr) | **Lunch** |
| 2.15 – 3.45pm (1 hr 30 mins) | **Virtual Reality – Are We There Yet?** *Mr TK Ng, CEO, Sidefx Studios Pte Ltd with Dean Foo, SJC* |
| 3.45 – 4.00pm (15 mins) | **Health Break** |
| 4.00 – 4.15pm (15 mins) | **Reflections & Dean’s Deliberations** *Dean Foo, SJC* |
| **END OF DAY 4 PROGRAMME** |

**DAY 5: FRIDAY 30 JULY 2021**

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| **Time** |   | **Activity** |
| 9.30 – 9.55am |   | **Sign-in to Zoom** |
| 10.00 – 11.30am (1 hr 30 mins) |   | **Envisioning Exercise (I)*** Class Discussion: Focus areas for envisioning exercise

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 11.30 – 11.45am (15 mins) |   | **Health Break** |
| 11.45am – 1.15pm (1 hr 30 mins) |   | **Envisioning Exercise (II)*** Breakout Session: Strategies for funding proposals
* Class Presentation

*ED Quan, SJC* |
| 1.15pm – 2.15pm (1 hr) |   | **Lunch** |
| 2.15 – 3.15pm (1 hr) |   | **Reflections & Programme Summation** *Dean Foo, SJC* |
| 3.15 – 3.30pm (15 mins) |   | **Course Evaluation** |
|   | **END OF PROGRAMME** |