

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: THE SINGAPORE EXPERIENCE

4 TO 8 MAY 2015

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SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME**

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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. Through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), Singapore can contribute to the development of other developing countries.

In 1992, the SCP was established, bringing together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes have been increased to meet the needs of developing countries.

Since 1992, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 90,000 officials from 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

National Institute of Education (NIE)

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is the national teacher education institute in Singapore, providing teacher training, in-service development and school leadership education & development. Through the years, NIE has positioned itself as a bed-rock of education in Singapore and built a unique brand name in teacher education internationally.

Coupled with its extensive educational research activities, NIE has contributed significantly to Singapore's position as a regional education hub. NIE has also been widely engaged for developing and conducting educators training programmes and project planning by both local and international clients, including the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Thailand, China and Indonesia.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, participants should gain a better understanding of how Singapore's education has developed and the critical factors responsible for its successful transformation. Participants should also learn how to conceptualise and apply best practices in managing an education system.

Synopsis and Methodology

The course will share Singapore's experience in achieving education success and the benchmarks to ensure the relevance and responsiveness of Singapore's education system. Apart from lectures, there would be discussions and learning journeys, i.e. visits to schools or relevant institutions, to reinforce learning outside of the classroom.

Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and learn to apply "best practices" to their own respective countries' education systems.

Duration

The course will be held from **4 to 8 May 2015**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Senior education officials involved in education and formulation of education-related policies and framework
- Nominated by their respective governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English (no translation would be provided during the course)
- 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 recipient government will be responsible for their 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 Government 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; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **23 March 2015**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points 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 Points 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 are to be submitted and 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, 23 March 2015**.

Please address the forms to:

**Director-General
Technical Cooperation Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Tanglin
Singapore 248163**

**Attn: Mr K Faizal
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Fax: (65) 6479 3357
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- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail/fax to the **email address/fax number 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 responsible for technical assistance.
- Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone, fax 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. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country.

- Flight arrangements are only to be made 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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