

URBAN DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS A SMART NATION VISION

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to be conducted by the

CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES

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 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.

Japan International Cooperation Agency

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), one of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) implementing bodies, has been extending technical cooperation in human resource development to facilitate the autonomous, sustainable development of developing countries since its establishment in 1974.

JICA was reborn on October 1, 2008, as an aid donor agency providing technical cooperation, concessionary loans, and grant aid in integrated modus operandi. JICA will thus provide comprehensive assistance for developing countries by utilising the broader range of aid instruments in an effective and efficient manner and a network of 100 overseas offices around the world.

JICA will enhance the impact of assistance through (a) A More Strategic Framework to achieve medium-to-long term development goals of developing countries (b) More Predictable Aid as operational "rolling" plans will be utilised in policy dialogue with developing countries (c) Speedier Project Formulation through "Preparatory Survey" to ensure flexibility and speed at the project preparation stage (d) Assistance Tailored to Real

Needs: Synergy of Aid Schemes to offer assistance that most effectively addresses the needs of developing countries.

Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21)

As countries whose prime resources are their people, Singapore and Japan believe that human resource development is important for economic and social progress. With this mutual understanding, Singapore and Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding in January 1994 to train participants from developing countries by sharing each country's expertise and experience from their economic development under the Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme (JSPP).

The Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21) was established through a Memorandum of Discussion (MOD) signed in May 1997, to signify a widening of the scope of technical cooperation between Singapore and Japan. Since then, the MOD has been renewed three times, most recently in December 2018.

With a view to enhancing ASEAN integration and sharing the two countries' experience in their areas of expertise, both governments recognised, as areas of priority, training and capacity building for third countries in the fields of (a) security and peace, (b) addressing vulnerability, (c) private sector development, (d) connectivity, and (e) smart initiatives.

Since 1994, Singapore and Japan have implemented close to 400 training courses for more than 6,500 participants in diverse fields such as public governance, trade promotion, climate change and environment, community policing, disaster management, maritime navigation, tourism, and urban planning.

Centre for Liveable Cities

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) has as its mission "to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities".

CLC's work spans four main areas – Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, CLC hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

Course Objectives

This online course is conducted under the auspices of the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21). This course will allow participants to understand the driving forces, challenges and opportunities for sustainable urban development and management and Smart Nation development in both Japan and Singapore.

At the end of the course, participants will be equipped with knowledge and skills in understanding and planning urban development in a holistic manner based on good practices in Singapore and Japan.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Singapore Liveability Framework
- Transport
- Housing
- Sustainable Environment and Cleaning Singapore
- Water Management

Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants** through a 'blended' virtual classroom comprising a combination of **asynchronous e-Learning** (independent and self-study of online modules) and **synchronous e-Learning** ('live' webinar 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 **22 to 31 March 2021**.

The **'Live' e-learning sessions** will be conducted from **1400 to 1630 (Singapore time; UTC+08:00 hours)** on 22, 24, 26, 29 and 31 March 2021.

Attendance will be taken for "live" sessions and participants will need to attain 66% attendance in order to get a certificate.

Prior to course commencement, the training coordinator will brief participants on the rules of engagement (break time, attendance, punctuality, recording, Q&A).

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level government officials who are working in urban development roles;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, a functioning webcam and audio;
- Nominated by their respective Governments; and
- Proficient in written and spoken English

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Governments of Japan and Singapore under the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **19 February 2021**)

The Governments of Japan and Singapore are 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/urbandevt2021> by **19 February 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 attend at least 66% of learning sessions will receive a JSPP21 certificate of completion.
- 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.

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