

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS A SMART NATION VISION**

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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.

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, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 128,000 officials from more than 170 countries and territories. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### **Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

As countries whose prime resources are their people, Singapore and Japan believes 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. It was renewed in October 2001 and subsequently reinforced through another MOD signed in December 2007 on an Enhanced JSPP21.

With a view to enhance ASEAN integration and share 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 6,000 participants in diverse fields such as public governance, trade promotion, climate change and environment, community policing, disaster management, maritime navigation, tourism, and urban planning.

## **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 an 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.

## **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**

The 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. Participants will acquire practical policy application tips through action planning sessions with practitioners and gain exposure to case studies of urban development policies.

At the end of the course, participants will:

- Gain insight on the Singapore Liveability Framework based on Singapore's experience in developing a highly dense and liveable city;
- Be equipped with knowledge and skills in understanding and planning urban development in a holistic manner based on Singapore's and Japan's experience;
- Learn how to facilitate effective collaboration among governmental organisations, experts and urban designers, as well as private sector actors such as entrepreneurs, developers / construction companies, financial institutions and residents and local communities, especially through the cases of Japan to implement holistic and integrated urban solutions;
- Understand Japanese urban/area management approach and the Smart Nation concept of Singapore and the government's role in harnessing technology and data to improve public services, enabling innovation by businesses and citizens and boosting a city's liveability;

## **Course Outline**

Topics to be covered include:

- History of Urban Planning in Japan
- Urban governance for sustainable and smart cities
- Collaboration among governments, private sectors and residents / local communities, public-private partnerships (PPPs) and Smart urban solutions and business models
- Singapore's Smart Nation programme, the driving forces and key domain areas
- Urban management and analytics
- Japan's Smart City, involving local communities

- Effective public involvement including community participation
- Social dimension of smart urban solutions through community engagement

## Methodology

The course will be conducted in English through classroom-based sessions, presentation of individual country reports and site visits.

## Country Report

Each participant/team should submit a project articulating one urban challenge his/her city is facing and describe a solution planned to be implement within 12 months after the programme. The project must be on an urban theme such as (but not limited to) planning, housing, transport, financing, water etc. The questions to the country report have been incorporated into the online application form.

A presentation session will be held at the end of the course.

## Course Duration

The course will be held in Singapore from 3 to 7 February 2020.

## Number of Training Awards

A total of **twenty (25)** training awards are available for this course.

## Invited Countries

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam.

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Nominated by their Government;
- Heading departments or projects at a national or city level related to the adoption and implementation of smart urban solutions, housing, transport, urban renewal/

redevelopment, water, waste management or greening. Teams are expected to be headed by Director- or Director General-level officials, and accompanied by a technical officer.

- Proficient in both spoken and written English as the course will be conducted fully in English without translation;
- Not to be serving in the military;
- In good health and medically fit to attend the course; and
- Minimum 10 years working experience, where possible.

## Terms of Award

This course is sponsored by the Government of Japan and the Government of Singapore under the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21).

Under the JSPP21, the Governments of Japan and Singapore will bear the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as “participants”, during the course in Singapore. These expenses include:

- An Economy Class round-trip air ticket between the respective international airports designated by the **Japan International Cooperation Agency**;
- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (120 SGD) from the first day to the last day of the 5-day course. A proportionate reduction in the daily training allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course.
- Transportation to the training venue and site visits;
- Training fees, including lecture fees, administrative fees, and teaching materials;
- 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) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance.

- (ii) 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.
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

## Application Procedures

(Closing date for nomination: **23 December 2019**)

The Governments of Japan and Singapore are pleased to invite the National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate up to **two (2)** suitable candidates for consideration.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Governments of Japan and Singapore seek the understanding of the National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in the event that their nominee is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online <https://go.gov.sg/jspp21-urban-development2019> by **Monday, 23 December 2019**. All application forms must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

### Note:

- All applications should be completed in full. Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered. Please contact [Edmund\\_koh@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:Edmund_koh@mfa.gov.sg) and [Camille\\_Ng@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:Camille_Ng@mfa.gov.sg) if you encounter technical issues during application.
- 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 National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country.

## Information on Singapore

For more information about Singapore, please visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at <http://www.visitsingapore.com>



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