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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(BPC&T Section)

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TRAINING CIRCULAR

Subject:-Online Singapore Cooperation Programme on "**Urban Development Towards a Smart Nation Vision**" from 21st to 25th February, 2022.

The Republic of Singapore has invited nominations for online course on "**Urban Development Towards a Smart Nation Vision**" from 21st to 25th February, 2022 under the Technical Assistance Programme with India. The programme is intended for mid- to senior-level government officials who are involved in urban development projects. The eligibility conditions and other information about the course are mentioned in the Information Brochure received from the sponsoring Government (**Annex-I**). Number of slots available for India is **One**.

2. Nomination of candidates is regulated by the guidelines prescribed by DEA, a synopsis of which is attached as **Annex-II**.

3. **The course is sponsored by Government of Singapore**, who conducted the course as an online. All nominees are to submit their application online at <https://go.gov.sg/urban2022>.

4. The following forms need to be duly completed and certified by the participant and the competent authority of the nominating Ministry/Department:

(i) Sponsoring Government's application to be filled online (available at <https://go.gov.sg/urban2022>). Printed copy of application submitted by the candidate online to SCP may be sent to DEA along with the other forms.

(ii) DEA's proforma - duly countersigned by competent authority (**Annex-III**).

5. **Application Form complete in all respects reach this Department through the Administrative Ministry/Department not later than 20.01.2022** positively at the following address:-

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6. Incomplete applications and nominations received after the cut-off date will not be entertained. This may please be noted for strict compliance to avoid disappointment at a later stage. The candidates are advised to have their applications processed through their administrative Departments well in time and send complete information asked for in the forms specified above. Details of various short-term training programmes are regularly uploaded on Ministry of Finance's website www.finmin.nic.in under the link "Foreign Training Programmes".


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URBAN DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS A SMART NATION VISION

21 TO 25 FEBRUARY 2022

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

and the

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY

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 137,000 officials from more than 180 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. The course will allow participants to better understand the driving forces, challenges and opportunities for resilient and sustainable urban development and management as well as Smart Nation development in both Japan and Singapore. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped with knowledge and skills in understanding and planning resilient urban development based on good practices in Singapore and Japan.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview of Urban Development in Singapore/Japan
- Housing
- Transportation
- Environment
- Disaster Risk Reduction

Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants** through a 'blended' virtual classroom comprising a combination of **asynchronous e-learning** (independent self-study of pre-webinar materials) 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 4 days from **21 to 25 February 2022 (excluding 23 February 2022)**.

The “live” e-learning sessions will be conducted from **1000 to 1230 (Singapore time; UTC/GMT+08:00 hours)** on 21, 24 and 25 February 2022, and from **1000 to 1600 (Singapore time; UTC/GMT +08:00 hours)** on 22 February 2022. Sessions may end earlier on selected days.

Participants are expected to complete allocated pre-readings before attending the ‘live’ e-learning sessions. 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 involved in urban development projects;
- 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.

In addition, as stipulated by the Government of Japan:

If your organisation and/or your status is related to the Military, you are required to send an email to 1rtd2@jica.go.jp with your name, country, organisation, the course name, and choose one option from below that best describes your relationship with the Military:

- a) the Military, an active military personnel or a military personnel listed in the muster roll/military register;
- b) an organisation affiliated with the Military, or a personnel who does not belong to the military at present but is listed in the muster roll/military register;
- c) the Department or the Ministry of Defense, and organisation affiliated with the Ministry of Defense, or staff of the Ministry of Defense;
- d) a civilian organisation but with military personnel or a military division within the organization; or
- e) an organisation which will be affiliated with or under the control of the Military in times of emergency as specified clearly in its organic law/law of establishment

Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent

with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organisation, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner.

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: **28 January 2022**)

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 Governments of Japan and Singapore seek 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/urban2022> by **Friday, 28 January 2022**. 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 80% of ‘live’ e-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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SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Before applying for the training programme, the candidates are requested to satisfy themselves whether they fulfill the eligibility conditions as per the guidelines on Foreign Training Programmes (FTP) administered by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), summarized below:-

Eligibility Conditions

Duration of Training	No. of years of service completed in Govt. as on the date of FTP	Upper age limit as on the date of FTP	Cooling off period	Limit on participation in number of trainings in a year
Upto one week	5 years	Less than 58 years	Six months	Two FTPs of duration of less than one week in a calendar year
One to Two weeks	7 years	Less than 58 years	One year	One FTP of duration of one to two weeks in a calendar year
More than two weeks	9 years	Less than 55 years	Two years	One FTP of duration more than two weeks in a period of two years

Note:- Project-related training/official visits abroad are exempt from the provision of cooling off.

2. Candidates and nominating authorities in Ministries/Departments/State Govts. etc. **should also satisfy themselves about the eligibility conditions** prescribed by the sponsoring foreign Government/agency **before sending the nominations to DEA.**

HOW TO APPLY

3. Filling up of application forms:-

- (i) Ensure that the **DEA proforma** is duly filled in and is complete in all respects. Without this proforma, applications will not be entertained.
- (ii) Ensure that the **application form prescribed by the sponsoring agency** is also complete in all respects. Wherever the sponsoring agency asks for Country Report, the same should also be attached.
- (iii) The column relating to **Vigilance Clearance** in DEA proforma should be filled in and certified by the competent authority. Alternately, vigilance clearance certificate by the concerned authority can also be attached. Applications without vigilance clearance at the time of applying will not be entertained.
- (iv) In case of **training programmes which are not fully sponsored** and where expenses on Air travel or any other expenses have to be borne by the candidate or his sponsoring Department, ensure that Part-A or Part-B, as the case may be, of the Undertaking Form is duly completed. Applications received without undertaking form will be summarily rejected. **It may be noted that submission of undertaking form is not necessary in respect of fully funded training programmes and the candidate can mention 'Not Applicable' in the form.**

4. Nominations:-

- (i) In case there is more than one nomination for a particular course, the nominating authority State/Central Government should clearly **indicate the prioritization** of the nominees.
- (ii) Application for the training programme is to be forwarded through the concerned Ministry/Department after completing all necessary formalities. Applications **are not to be sent** to the sponsoring foreign country/agency **direct** unless the same has been endorsed by the Nodal Department i.e. DEA.

5. Clearances:-

Once the nomination forwarded by DEA to the sponsoring foreign Government is accepted and conveyed to the applicant, he/she will be responsible to complete all pre-departure formalities like obtaining political clearance from MEA and have the sanction order issued from his/her administrative Department etc.

Abbreviations:-

JICA – Japan International Cooperation Agency, **SCPTA** – Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award, **IMF** – International Monetary Fund, **MTCP** – Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme

DEA PROFORMA FOR FOREIGN TRAINING

1. Name				
2. Date of Birth		3. Male/Female		
4. Educational Qualifications				
5. Service to which the officer belongs		6. Date of regular appointment		
7. Details of posts held during the last five years (starting from the present):				
S.No.	Post held	Ministry/Department/Organization	Nature of work/Job profile	
8. Name of foreign training programme applied for and its relevance to the candidate				
9. Papers etc. if any published by the candidate				
10. Details of Foreign Training Programmes attended during the last two years				
S. No.	Dates & Duration of the training programme	Subject/title of training	Name of the training Institution	Source of funding
Signature of the candidate:				
Office Phone No. Mobile No.:				
E-mail:				
CERTIFICATE				
Certified that Shri/Ms _____ is clear from vigilance angle. In case the programme is not fully funded, Undertaking in the prescribed proforma (Part A/Part B) is attached.				
Signature of the competent administrative authority of the applicant with Name, Designation, Phone number and E-mail (along with office seal)				