

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated the 4th May, 2022.

TRAINING CIRCULAR

Subject:-Online Singapore Cooperation Programme on "**Technology and Courts of the Future**" from 4th to 8th July, 2022.

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The Republic of Singapore has invited nominations for online course on "**Technology and Courts of the Future**" from 4th to 8th July, 2022 under the Technical Assistance Programme with India. The programme is intended for Mid-to Senior-level court and government officials including judges, legal technologists, technocrats in envisioning and strategising the blueprint for the Courts of the Future. 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/tcof-2022>.

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/tcof-2022>). 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**).

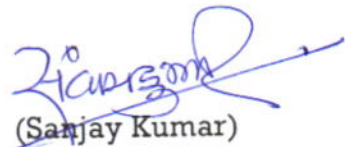
5. **Application Form complete in all respects reach this Department through the Administrative Ministry/Department of Govt. of India /State Government/UT, as the case may be, not later than 20.05.2022 positively at the following address:-**

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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".


(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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TO BE UPLOADED ON website of Department of Economic Affairs' WEBSITE
[<https://mofapp.nic.in/training/default.aspx>].

TECHNOLOGY AND COURTS OF THE FUTURE

4 TO 8 JULY 2022

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD

to be conducted by

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 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.

Singapore Judicial College

The Singapore Judicial College caters to the learning and development needs of Singapore judges. It also shares the experiences of the Singapore Judiciary with the international community through customised training, capacity-building as well as consultancy and technical assistance services.

The main area of focus of its work is supporting Singapore judges with quality judicial education, as well as inspiring life-long learning on the bench and nurturing learning judges. The international work of the College sees it sharing the experiences of the Singapore Judiciary with the world through offering customised training, engaging in capacity building, as well as lending consultancy and technical assistance services in specific areas of expertise associated with the Singapore Judiciary.

Course Objectives

Through the sharing of Singapore's digitalisation journey in developing the courts of the future, this course will explore the strategies to conceptualise, develop, innovate and implement IT solutions for a more effective judicial system.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Survey of the digital landscape for the courts of the future;
- Digitalisation journey of the Singapore judiciary;
- Court technology strategies in Singapore and beyond: Challenges, opportunities and promise;
- Assessment framework for the applicability of strategies, including whether features of a supporting environment exist; and
- Strategising, innovating and envisioning for the Courts of the Future.

Methodology

The course will be conducted in-person and will include the delivery of instruction, case studies, class presentations, as well as group-think and discussions.

Course Duration and Venue

The course will be conducted daily from **4 to 8 July 2022** in Singapore.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level court and government officials, including, judges, legal technologists, technocrats, in envisioning and strategising the blueprint for the Courts of the Future;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English;
- Fully vaccinated with WHO EUL COVID-19 vaccines; and
- In good health.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award.

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:

- Course fees;
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course;
- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (S\$120) from the first day to the last day of the 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 between course venue and site visits; and
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. [This does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy.]

Note:

- The nominating government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares;
- Participants are to bear their personal expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance; and
- As the basic insurance coverage is limited, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes medical evacuation in case they encounter any unexpected emergencies.

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.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **27 May 2022**)

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/tcof-2022> by Friday, **27 May 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 66% of the course, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP;
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed; and
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The NFP will also be informed directly.
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

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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)				