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Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir

SCP: Multi – Sectoral Urban Epidemiological Response Training for Outbreak Control From 29 January to 02 February 2024 2023 (e-learning)

We wish to inform you that the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) has invited nominations from the eligible Government officials for the above programme of which the details are enclosed.

We would highly appreciate, if you could instruct the relevant officials to circulate this programme among the Departments/Divisions/Institution under your purview, and submit suitable nomination in line with the Treasury circular dated 24 October 2013, to this department with the following documents;

- (i) Nomination letter (from the relevant ministry)
- (ii) Application Form (printouts of the online application form)
- (iii) ERD Form (can be downloaded from www.erd.gov.lk)

We would like to bring to your kind attention that the nominations need to be in accordance with the information given under "application information" in pages 3 - 4 of the programme details attached.

The online registration is available at <https://go.gov.sg/urbanepidemiology24> and nominated applicant is strongly advised to register as early as possible.

Please note that only the duly completed application received by this department before 2.00 p.m. on 17 December 2023 with the line ministry covering letter and other relevant documents as stipulated above will be processed. Please ensure timely submission of the above documents enabling us to process the application with our endorsement as required by the organizers.

Your early response is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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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, close to 150,000 officials from more than 180 countries, territories, and intergovernmental organisations 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. From 2008, JICA was further strengthened to incorporate all activities of Japan's Official Development including concessional ODA loans and grant aid in an effective and efficient manner.

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.

Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health

The Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH) under the National University of Singapore, is the first and only full-fledged public health tertiary education institution in Singapore. SSHSPH aims in improving the health and well-being of communities through research, education, and policy advocacy. The school strives to generate evidence-based knowledge, develop public health leaders, and contribute to policy formulation that promotes better health outcomes.

Course Objectives

This online course is conducted under the auspices of the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21).

It aims to introduce the knowledge and skills in applied epidemiology and rapid response to the participants. Participants will learn about outbreak detection, investigation and response activities and methodologies through a combination of seminar, lecture, case studies and panel discussions.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- An overview of field epidemiology
- Field Epidemiology in the context of COVID-19
- Public Health Surveillance
- Risk Communication

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 on a web-based Learning Management System) and **synchronous e-Learning** ('live' e-learning sessions). There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the 'live' sessions.

Country Presentation

Each represented country is expected to share the challenges and best practices of urban epidemiological response in their country. Some guiding questions may include:

- Introduce your country, how it was impacted by the pandemic, and your job during the pandemic.
- Describe some challenges with vaccination, safe management measures, and misinformation.
- Highlight one important lesson learned in risk prevention and communication.

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.

Course Duration

The course will be held over 5 days from **29 January to 2 February 2024**.

The 'Live' e-learning sessions will be conducted from **1230 to 1600 (Singapore time; UTC/GMT+08:00 hours)** each day.

Attendance will be taken for "live" sessions and participants will need to attain 80% 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 healthcare sector, or on issues related to public health;
- 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;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

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 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,

- A) or staff of the Ministry of Defense
- D) a civilian organisation but with military personnel or a military division within the organisation
- 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 organisations 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: **17 December 2023**)

The Governments of Japan and Singapore are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **two (2)** suitable applicants. 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/urbanepidemiology24> by **17 December 2023**. 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 will receive a JSPP21 certificate of completion upon completion of the course;

- 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.

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 Governments of Japan and Singapore and their appointed trainers, with respect to the course.

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