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        Development and Community Health

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir/ Madam

SCP: Responding to Pandemics and Future Preparedness
  - **From: 20th – 24th June 2022 (Online)**

We are writing with reference to the letter No. MFA/TCD/00010/2022 dated 30th March 2022 sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Singapore on the above.

Accordingly, the Government of Singapore has invited nominations from eligible government officials in Sri Lanka for the above online programme. The programme details are enclosed.

We would highly appreciate, if you could instruct the relevant officials to circulate this programme among the Departments/Divisions/Institutes under your purview and submit one (01) nomination to the Department of External Resources (ERD) with the following documents on or **before 12th May 2022**.

- Nomination Letter (from the relevant Ministry)
- Duly filled Application Form (Printouts of the Online application)
- Duly filled ERD Form (can be downloaded from www.erd.gov.lk)

The online registration is available at https://go.gov.sg/rpfp22 and **applicants are strongly advised to register as early as possible**.

We expect timely submission of the above documents as our endorsement is required by the organizers. Kindly be informed that we will not be able to endorse the applications if the nomination letter is not reached us.

For further enquiries please contact following officers of Technical Assistance Division of the ERD; Ms. M.R.C.K. Senanayake, Deputy Director – 0112484703 or Ms. Darshika Madurapperuma, Development Officer – 0112484995 (Email – darshika@erd.gov.lk).
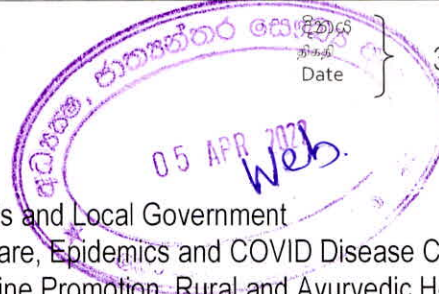
Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Udeni Udugahapattuwa
Additional Director General
For Director General

Copies to: Chief Secretaries, All Provincial Councils ⎤ Pl. send applications with your
           Chairman, University Grant Commission ⎬ recommendation through the relevant
                                        ⎦ line Ministry.

RESPONDING TO PANDEMICS AND FUTURE PREPAREDNESS

20 to 24 JUNE 2022

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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, over 137,000 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.

Course Objectives

This course will cover Singapore's experience in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lessons learnt. It will also explore strategies to better prepare for the next "Disease X".

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Vaccine development, strategies and considerations for future pandemics
- Regional capacity in responding to pandemics
- Information pathways and decision-making in pandemics
- Risk communication and community engagement in pandemics

Methodology

This course will be delivered for **up to 30 participants** through **synchronous** e-Learning ('live' e-learning sessions) on a video conferencing (VC) platform, and could include **asynchronous** e-Learning (independent and self-study e.g. reading materials). 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 **20 to 24 June 2022**.

The 'Live' e-learning sessions will be **tentatively** held from **1400H to 1800H (Singapore time; UTC/GMT +08:00 hours)** each day. The actual timings of the synchronous e-learning sessions and the VC platform will be confirmed closer to the course dates.

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

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in public health as well as the planning and management of pandemic response;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet enabled device, webcam, microphone and audio;
- Nominated by their respective Governments; and
- Proficient in written and spoken English.

Terms of Award

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

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **Friday, 20 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/rpfp22** by **Friday, 20 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 learning sessions, 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.
- 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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