

ASSURING FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY

19 TO 23 AUGUST 2024

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

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to be conducted by

SINGAPORE FOOD AGENCY

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, more than 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.

SINGAPORE FOOD AGENCY

The mission of the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is to ensure and secure a supply of safe food. To safeguard Singapore's food security, SFA adopts a multi-pronged approach which includes diversifying food import sources and increasing local food production. To ensure that food in Singapore is safe for consumption, SFA has in place an integrated farm-to-fork food safety system which adopts a risk-based approach guided by science and aligned with international standards. As food safety and security is a joint responsibility, SFA provides an enabling environment that supports all stakeholders to play their part. For more information on SFA, visit www.sfa.gov.sg.

Course Objectives

This in-person course is conducted under the auspices of the SCP Training Award.

This course will cover Singapore's national strategies, policies and systems for food safety and security.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview of Singapore's strategies and initiatives to ensure and secure a supply of safe food
- Food safety laws, regulations, and standards in Singapore
- Accreditation of food export countries
- Risk-based inspection of imported food
- Ensure safety of locally processed food and food retail establishments
- Food safety monitoring programme
- Food safety testing capabilities
- Urban food production and production technologies

Methodology

The course will be conducted **in-person in Singapore**. The delivery of instruction includes seminar-style sessions, site visits, and discussions.

Course Duration and Venue

The course will be held over five days from **19 to 23 August 2024** in Singapore.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level government officials involved in formulation of policies and/or implementation of strategies related to food safety and food security.
- Nominated by their respective governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; 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;
- Visa application fees for entry into Singapore [Note: participants are responsible for their own transit visas (if any)];
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the accommodation from the first day of the course to one day after the course;
- Per diem of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (130 SGD) from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the per diem will be made if the participant is unable to attend the full duration of the course;
- Local Transportation between hotel and site visits (if any); 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 per diem; and
- As the basic insurance coverage does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage of COVID-19 related expenses and medical evacuation in the event of any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- For entry into Singapore, participants are required to adhere to the latest travel and health requirements/advisories as indicated at www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart;
- Strictly observe the course schedule and attend all 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: **5 July 2024**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant(s). 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 NFPs in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/foodsafety2024> by **5 July 2024**. 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 certificate of completion from the SCP 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.
- 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 should be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.**

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