

TARGET GROUP

This course will be relevant to mid-career/junior diplomats and government officials whose job description are related to the fields of diplomacy and international relations

Applicants from ASEAN countries are encourage to apply due to ease to commit on the time zone differences. However the course is still open to all MTCP country recipient applicants that are interested and can fully commit to the course offered,

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the participants will be equipped with the tools required to function more effectively as diplomatic practitioners.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Participants will learn through online virtual lectures, discussion, group and individual in exercises and simulations. Participants will also be given assignments based on the course requirements. The course will be fully conducted in English.

COURSE CONTENT

- Public Diplomacy Best Practices
- Malaysia's Foreign Policy
- Crisis Management
- Future Scenarios and Forward Thinking
- Multilateral & Bilateral Practices: Malaysia's Approach
- International Negotiations
- Protocols & Etiquette's
- Leadership & Management for Diplomatic Officers
- Practices in Diplomacy
- Media Skills for Diplomats

RULES AND REGULATIONS DURING COURSE

- Absence from any of the online scheduled programmes during the course for any reason is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the Institute.
- All participants are expected to maintain a high level of participation during the lectures, and conduct themselves in an agreeable manner amongst their peers. Any show of poor conduct will be treated seriously and immediate notification will be sent to the participants' mission in Malaysia and to their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- All participants must observe punctually at all times.
- The course will be conducted fully online on a Google Meet platform.
- Please take note there is no course fee required & the course is fully sponsored by the government of Malaysia. Interested

PREREQUISITE / ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Nominated by their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs;
- Below 40 years of age;
- Two or more years of working experience in international affairs/ relations or international trade;
- Have a basic university degree; and
- Proficient in the English language;

HOW TO APPLY

1. Application should be made using prescribed MTCP forms available at: mtpcoms.kln.gov.my/mtpcoms/online/list_course.
2. The application must be completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Focal Points responsible for the MTCP Programme in the applicant's country, then submitted through the applicant's government with Note Verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia via the nearest Malaysian High Commission / Embassy.
3. Incomplete and/or unendorsed forms will not be processed.
4. Online training link will be sent out via email to successful candidates.
5. **CLOSING DATE OF RECEIVING APPLICATION:
18 JUNE 2021**

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MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL
COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)



DIPLOMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS 2021
28 JUNE - 2 JULY 2021
(ONLINE)



INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATION (IDFR)
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MALAYSIA

ABOUT MALAYSIA



Malaysia is a Southeast Asian country occupying the Malaysian Peninsula and part of the island of Borneo. It is known for its beaches, rainforests and mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and European influences. The sprawling capital, Kuala Lumpur, is home to colonial buildings, busy shopping districts such as Bukit Bintang and skyscrapers including the iconic, 451m-tall Petronas Twin Towers.

Nestled in between Thailand to the north and Singapore to the south, Malaysia is a federation which consists of 13 states (11 in West Malaysia, and two in East Malaysia) and three federal territories. As a federation, the governance of the country is divided between the federal and the state governments. Malaysia is a parliamentary democracy with a federal constitutional monarch, in which the DYMM Yang di-Pertuan Agong is head of state and the Prime Minister of Malaysia is the head of government.

Since the early 1980s, Malaysia has steadily diversified its economy. Major Changes include a departure from a reliance on the cultivation and export of raw materials, in particular natural rubber, to a focus on services, manufacturing and tourism. Tourism, in particular has had a significant impact and, as a generator of foreign exchange, is second only to the oil industry.

Malaysia is a tropical holiday destination, where temperatures fluctuate between 25 and 35 degrees Celsius throughout the year. Nice breezes can be enjoyed on the many islands surrounding Malaysia, while the 'highlands' offer cooler temperatures that never exceed 25 degrees Celsius.

Language

Bahasa Melayu, English is widely spoken

Population

32 million

Ethnic

68.8% Bumiputera (Malay + Indigenous), 23.2% Chinese, 7.0% Indian & 1.0% Other

Capital

Kuala Lumpur

Currency

Ringgit Malaysia (RM) / Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)



Map of Malaysia

MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) was established in 1980 as Malaysia's commitment to South-South Cooperation through the sharing of Malaysia's development experiences and expertise with other developing countries.

The objectives of the MTCP are:

- To share experience with other developing countries;
- To strengthen bilateral ties with developing countries;
- To encourage and promote South-South Cooperation; and
- To encourage and promote technical cooperation within developing countries.

MTCP is premised on the principle that the development of a country is dependent on the quality of its human capital and resources. MTCP emphasises human resources development mainly through training; short-term courses in public and private Malaysian training institutions, and long-term courses in Malaysian public universities. Other forms of assistance include study visits, practical attachments and provision of services of experts.

Annually, MTCP collaborates with its leading Training Institution to conduct capacity building programmes in various key areas of development. Since its inception in 1980, more than **33,000** participants from the **144 countries** have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

A new direction for the MTCP was formulated following its placement under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (also known as Wisma Putra) in 2010. It entails prioritising developing countries of strategic interests, focusing on Malaysia's area of expertise, demand-driven courses/programmes, cultivation of potential participants who would later serve as 'friends of Malaysia', public-private partnership (PPP) and collaboration with new development partners beyond MTCP's traditional partners.

From the ten key broad areas, the MTCP would give more attention to the following several sub-areas namely Oil and Gas Industry, Products and Services including Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Palm Oil Industry, Food and Beverages, Halal Economy and Ecosystem, Islamic Finance and Banking, Construction, Health services, Diplomacy and Governance

INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, also known as IDFR, was established on 1 July 1991 under the Prime Minister's Department following a Cabinet decision dated 6 March 1991. It was officially launched that same year on 12 August by the then Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. On 27 March 2001 IDFR officially became part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Located in Kuala Lumpur, IDFR is housed in the former building of the Foreign Ministry. Its new campus was opened in 2006.

As the Ministry's training arm, IDFR conducts training programmes for Malaysian diplomatic officers as well as officers from other government ministries and agencies. Apart from the main diplomatic training courses, IDFR provides mid-career and follow up professional skills training to help enhance the professionalism of serving officers.

The training programmes are practitioner-oriented and are aimed at equipping officers with the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges they face in the conduct of their professional duties. The Institute provides training in two broad areas-diplomacy and foreign relations, as well as foreign languages. In collaboration with the National University of Malaysia (UKM), IDFR offers a thirteen month postgraduate programme for a Master of Social Science in Strategy and Diplomacy.

IDFR also offers training courses to more than 136 countries worldwide, namely to participants from developing countries under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), ASEAN, Colombo Plan and Commonwealth countries.

IDFR trainees have numerous opportunities to participate in seminars, workshops and round table discussions, and benefit from keynote addresses and lectures by distinguished visiting scholars and international leaders. Speakers under IDFR's Public Lecture Series have included Ban Ki Moon, Kofi Annan, Lee Hsien Loong, Sultan Hassanali Bolkiah, the late Nelson Mandela, the late Benazir Bhutto and the late Yasser Arafat

MTCP: DIPLOMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS 2021 (ONLINE)

Date : 28 June - 2 July 2021

Platform : Google Meet

Overview

Diplomacy in the 21st century is fast becoming a more intricate and multifaceted practice. With globalization today, the nature of diplomacy has shifted into a new direction and poses new challenges for diplomats, it has also become more significant and diverse as well. These officials are demanded to master professional negotiations techniques and develop sharp critical thinking skills with essential leadership and diplomacy qualities. Hence such a course is critical for serving diplomatic officers/officials so that they may grasp essential insights into the craft of diplomacy and their effective application, and to keep abreast of current international issues and new methods for effective diplomatic practices.