A PANDEMIC REALITY CHECK – PREPARING SCHOOLS FOR THE NEW NORMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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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 131,000 officials from more than 170 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.

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NIE International is the official international training and consultancy arm of the National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technological University (NTU). NIE International is the vessel to share NIE's expertise in teacher education and school leadership training to the world. The National Institute of Education (NIE) was established in July 1991 as an autonomous institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). It is the sole teacher education institute in Singapore, conducting all levels of teacher education, school leadership training, postgraduate studies in education and educational research. NIE is organised into Programme Offices with 10 supporting Academic Groups.

Course Objectives

This course will share on Singapore's best practices of how schools and institutions adapted and worked around the new normal amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the COVID-19 situation, the nature of teaching and learning has undergone substantial changes. Leveraging on technology to support learners continued learning has become ever more urgent and crucial in the new norm. Post COVID-19 requires schools to be prepared for any such similar situations and to harness the affordances of technology tools to develop an effective ICT programme and infrastructure that can be implemented quickly and cost effectively, according to available resources so that learning is not disrupted.

Synopsis

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Gain insights on the impact, challenges and limitations as a result of COVID-19 pandemic on the education system, educators and students.
- Appreciate innovation and initiatives that are good practices as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Understand how to leverage and enhance ICT implementation in school for quality teaching and learning.
- Identify approaches in providing quality education moving from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25** participants through synchronous e-Learning ('live' e-learning sessions) on Zoom. 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 3 days from **17 to 19 February 2021.**

The synchronous sessions will be conducted from **1330h to 1700h** (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours) daily, with breaks when appropriate.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to senior level officials from government institutions, education ministries and related government agencies, including but not withstanding principals and educators;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with a functioning 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 Award.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **29 January 2021**)

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/aprc21** by **Friday, 29 January 2021**. 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 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.

- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications.

- 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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