ASSURING FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY

04 TO 08 JULY 2022

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under the

SCP TRAINING AWARD (E-LEARNING)

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.

Singapore Food Agency

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) was formed as a statutory board under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) on 1 April 2019 to oversee food safety and food security from farm-to-fork. MEWR has been renamed as the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE). The SFA brings together food-related functions carried out by the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore, the National Environment Agency and the Health Sciences Authority.

As the lead agency for food-related matters, SFA's mission is to ensure and secure a supply of safe food for Singapore. SFA works hand-in-hand with the industry and consumers to grow our three "food baskets" – Diversify import sources, Grow local, and Grow overseas, as well as ensure food safety from farm-to-fork. SFA also partners food businesses to strengthen capabilities, tap on technologies to raise productivity, undertake research to develop new lines of business, and catalyse industry transformation to ensure food security.

Course Objectives

This online course is conducted under the auspices of the SCP Training Award.

The course will will share about Singapore's national food control system and strategies to improve food safety and security.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Food safety policy and legal framework;
- Risk-based food inspection system;
- Food safety testing capabilities, chemical and microbiological risk analysis;
- Ensuring safety of locally produced and processed food; and
- Strategic and initiatives in ensuring good security.

Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to 30 participants through synchronous e-Learning ('live' e-learning sessions), and could include asynchronous e-Learning (self-study e.g. reading materials). There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the 'live' e-learning 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 five days from 04 to 08 July 2022.

The 'live' e-learning sessions will be tentatively conducted from 1400H to 1800H (Singapore time; UTC/GMT +08:00 hours) daily. More details on the programme schedule will be provided to successful applicants closer to the start of course.

Attendance will be taken for the 'live' e-learning sessions.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

* Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in officials involved in food safety and/or security policies;
* 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: **06 June 2022**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate 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/afss by **06 June 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 '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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