

TRENDS, ISSUES, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

16 TO 20 NOVEMBER 2020

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SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

SCP TRAINING AWARDS (E-LEARNING)

to be conducted by

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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.

Singapore Polytechnic

Singapore Polytechnic is the first Polytechnic and second Institute of Higher Learning in Singapore. It has a strong record in providing high quality public sector-related training programmes for both local and overseas Ministries and agencies in the area of strategic planning, governance, management and quality assurance. This is achieved through its pool of trainers with many years of public and private sector experience.

Course Objectives

This online course is conducted under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award.

Early childhood education nurtures holistic development and builds a strong foundation for life-long learning. This course addresses trends surrounding early childhood education, the sharing of information and communications technology in early childhood education.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Evolution of early childhood education in pre-schools
- Current trends and issues faced in Singapore
- Issues of access, sustainability and quality of early childhood education
- Review of global early childhood education systems
- Policies and Trends on Use of ICT in schools

The synchronous sessions will be conducted from **1200h to 1800h** (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours) daily, with breaks when appropriate. The detailed programme schedule will be shared with successful applicants.

Methodology

There will be a mix of Synchronous and Asynchronous learning components. Synchronous components will include live online forums and discussions. Asynchronous components will comprise pre-recorded videos with activities, including virtual tours of pre-schools and related facilities.

Details on the video-conferencing platform to be used for the synchronous sessions will be provided to successful applicants.

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.

Participants who attend at least 80% of the synchronous sessions of the course will receive a Certificate of Completion from the SCP.

Duration

The course will be held over 5 days from **16 to 20 November 2020**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Policymakers involved in the early childhood education sector;
- 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;
- 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.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **16 October 2020**)

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 its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/course1> by **Friday, 16 October 2020**. 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 80% of synchronous 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.

