
TRENDS AND ISSUES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

18 TO 22 JUNE 2018

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**BUSINESS COMMUNICATION CENTRE,
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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, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 115,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Business Communication Centre, Singapore Polytechnic

As an established training provider, the Business Communication Centre has 13 years of experience, serving many public-sector and corporate clients, both locally and regionally. Our clients come back to us, knowing that they are in good hands where their training needs are concerned. We customise effective, intensive and interactive courses for local and multinational companies, government bodies and schools, with an emphasis on coaching and facilitation sessions, and trainer and peer feedback.

Course Objectives

This course examines the trends and issues in children and youth development, and policies that guide the development of this sector in Singapore.

Early childhood education plays an important role in narrowing social gaps and improving social mobility. Participants will be exposed to the Singapore model through a series of lectures and site visits.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Evolution of early childhood education in pre-schools;
- Current trends and issues faced;
- Issues of access, sustainability and quality of early childhood education; and
- Review of global early childhood education systems.

Methodology

The programme is designed with case studies, forum with invited specialists, lectures, seminars and hands-on activities and presentations to ensure maximum participation and diversity of engagement for the participants such that the key learning points are entrenched well. Relevant site visits will also be included.

Duration

The course will be held from **18 to 22 June 2018**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Educators and mid- to senior-level officials from government institutions, education ministries and related government agencies;
- 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:

- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (S\$120) from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in

the hotel from the first day to one day after the course.]

- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
- Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

Note:

- (i) The nominating government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares.
- (ii) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance.
- (iii) Any expenses for out-patient medical/dental treatment will be borne by the participants themselves.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions.
- (b) Not bring any member of their family and/or aide for the duration of the course.
- (c) Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or the Government of Singapore with respect to the course.
- (d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore.
- (e) Discontinue the course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training or have committed an improper act.
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **7 May 2018**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance 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 National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted through **online Application Forms available at <https://start.wizvision.com/startpublic/>**. Information submitted online must be endorsed by the National Focal Point by **Monday, 7 May 2018**. Please do not hesitate to contact start-support@wizvision.com if you encounter technical issues during application.

- All application forms should be completed in full and submitted online. They must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.
- Draft application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications.
- The system is hosted by a third party service provider. Please avoid providing input with sensitive or confidential information that should not be disclosed or made available online.
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country.
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

Information on Singapore

For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at www.yoursingapore.com



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