

EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION: MAKING STRATEGIC CHOICES

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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 160,000 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.

National Institute of Education International

Established in April 2009, NIE International Pte Ltd serves as the consultancy and training arm of the esteemed National Institute of Education (NIE) Singapore. Leveraging over 50 years of pedagogical expertise and research, the organisation specialises in teacher education, school management, and educational leadership programmes.

NIE International's customised training solutions are tailored to meet clients' specific needs, whether it involves adapting content for different age groups, environments, or cultural contexts. With a proven track record of success, the organisation is trusted by local and international educational institutions alike to deliver high-quality consultancy services and training programmes.

Course Objectives

This course will cover the unique challenges to Singapore's education system, including how it has continuously transformed itself to deliver outcomes that strengthen students' competencies and dispositions to thrive in school and in the future.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Emerging educational trends and issues
- Policies and practices to cultivate forward looking schools to prepare students for future challenges and opportunities
- Strategies to develop resilient school systems
- Strategies and initiatives to foster innovation and change to improve the quality of teaching and school leadership
- Policies to cultivate professionalism in teaching to enhance both teacher and teaching quality

Methodology

The course will be conducted in-person in Singapore and will include briefings, case studies, country presentations as well as group discussions.

Course Duration and Venue

The course will be held over 5 days from **17 to 21 August 2026** in Singapore.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials who are involved in policymaking for education;
- 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:

- Course fees;
- Visa application fees for entry into Singapore [Note: participants are responsible for their own transit visas (if any)];
- Hotel accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day of the course to one day after the course;
- Per diem of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (S\$130) in cash from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the per diem will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course;
- Transportation between hotel and training venue; and
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company.

Note:

- The nominating government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares. Applicants are encouraged to verify the availability of funding for their round-trip airfares with their respective nominating government;
- Participants are to bear all expenses prior to receiving the per diem; and
- As the basic insurance coverage does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage for medical evacuation in the event of any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- For entry into Singapore, participants are required to adhere to the latest travel and health requirements/advisories as indicated at www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart;
- Strictly observe the course schedule and attend all training sessions. Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP only upon **attaining full attendance of the course**. Any leave of absence must be substantiated with medical certificates or compelling reasons. Failure to attain full attendance will affect the eligibility for future SCP participations; 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.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **12 June 2026**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant(s). 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 NFPs in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/etmsc2026> by **12 June 2026**. 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 will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP upon completion of the course.
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The NFP will also be informed directly. Flight arrangements should be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

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