TECHNOPRENEURSHIP: ENABLING INNOVATION

18 TO 22 JANUARY 2027

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

SCP TRAINING AWARD

to be conducted by

Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE) Ltd

Singapore Cooperation Programme

The Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established in 1992 to share Singapore's development experiences with other developing countries, with an emphasis on technical assistance. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes that human resource development is vital for sustained economic and social progress.

To date, over 165,000 officials from more than 180 countries, territories, and intergovernmental organisations have participated in SCP courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Development Partnerships Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE) Ltd

Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE.SG) is the national voice for the Singapore startup ecosystem, and a key trade association representing the interests of startups in Singapore. ACE.SG was established in 2003 by the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry, and re-launched as a private sector-led, non-profit organisation in 2014.

ACE.SG's Patron is Dr Tan See Leng, Minister for Trade and Industry (Energy and Industry). Working closely with the government and the startup community, ACE.SG aims to catalyse greater collaborations among ecosystem players and enable the development and growth of startups. ACE.SG also prioritises building international partner networks to connect the global and local startup community. For more information, please visit www.ace.sg.

Course Objectives

This course will provide an overview of the eco system and policies to support entrepreneurship and incubating start-ups.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Singapore's approach to developing the innovation and startup ecosystem
- Critical factors for incubation and technology entrepreneurship
- Key elements of the start-up / entrepreneurship journey: from idea / lab to start-up to scale-up
- Major elements of start-up or entrepreneurship activity
- Case studies and learnings from successful start-up founders

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 18 to 22 January 2027 in Singapore**.**

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials who are involved in promoting innovation and technopreneurship;
- 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: **13 November 2026**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **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/techno-jan27** by **13 November 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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