THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND PUBLIC POLICY

25 TO 28 APRIL 2017

Jointly sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

and

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under the

SINGAPORE – MICROSOFT JOINT TRAINING PROGRAMME

to be conducted by the

LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

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 112,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Microsoft

Microsoft is the world's leading producer of computer software incorporated in 1981. Microsoft is enabling digital transformation across government priorities, while helping to ensure that government organizations have the trust, security and compliance they need for sensitive data. Microsoft is innovating around personal computing, the intelligent cloud, and the reinvention of productivity and business process. This innovation, supported by a vast partner network, enables governments to do more and achieve more for the citizens they serve.

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY School) established in 2004, is an autonomous graduate school within the National University of Singapore. The LKY School's objectives are to raise the standards of governance throughout the region, improve the lives of people and, in so doing, contribute to the transformation of Asia and the world. It has emerged as the school of choice

to study public policy in Asia, offering continuous learning opportunities for incumbents and young people venturing into the field, across the private, public and people sectors.

Programme Objectives

This inaugural programme jointly offered by the Singapore Cooperation Programme, Microsoft, and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, is intended as a platform for mid- to senior-level officials across Asia and beyond to discuss the role of technology and the Internet in the future economy in their countries, and exchange ideas on ways governments can unlock their full potential.

The programme will also be an opportunity for policy planners and implementers from government to engage with industry players to serve their constituencies better and build stronger economies.

Synopsis

Asia is the world's fastest growing Internet region and is poised to leapfrog to the forefront of the global digital economy. Experts estimate that, in pursuing a digital first agenda, Asia will potentially add US$1 trillion to the region's GDP over the next decade. The region's Internet economy alone is expected to grow to US$200 billion by 2025. Cloud computing is going to be an important component to enabling this growth.

Internet penetration and the adoption of digital technologies can lead to real, positive impact on the economy by boosting productivity and innovation across a range of sectors, as well as by enabling businesses and governments to innovate through the use of smart data.

This programme jointly offered by Singapore Cooperation Programme and Microsoft will provide ample opportunity for interaction between participants to exchange ideas and collaborate on solutions on the cloud, cybersecurity, digital literacy and skills needed for the fourth industrial revolution.

The programme will be conducted in English without translation or interpretation.

Duration

The course will be held from **25 to 28 April 2017.**

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials who are involved in the formulation of policies on economic development, trade and information communications technology;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

Terms of Award

The course is jointly sponsored by the Government of Singapore and Microsoft under the Singapore – Microsoft Joint Training Programme.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore and Microsoft 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 their 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 Government 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: **24 March 2017**)

The Government of Singapore and Microsoft are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant. Selection of applicants will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore and Microsoft seek the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted by the respective Government Institutions, using the official application form. The application forms are to be submitted and should reach the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** through the National Focal Point and the Singapore Embassy in the nominating country not later than **Friday, 24 March 2017.**

Please address the forms to:

Director-General
Technical Cooperation Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Tanglin
Singapore 248163

Attn: **Mr Teo Kah Beng**
Tel: **(65) 6379 8475**
Fax: **(65) 6479 3357**
E-mail: **TEO_Kah_Beng@mfa.gov.sg**

- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail/fax to the **email address/fax number stated above.** The original application forms can be mailed through diplomatic or normal channels.

- All application forms should be completed in full and **must** bear the endorsement of the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point responsible for technical assistance.

- Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.

- Applicants should refrain from making telephone, fax 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. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country.

- Flight arrangements are only to be made upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

Information on Singapore

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