

DIGITAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFORMATION

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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 Development Partnerships Directorate (DPD) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

TICA is a national focal point for Thailand's international development cooperation. It was established in 2004 to realise Thailand's aspiration to be a contributor to international development cooperation. Believing that global challenges are best addressed through international cooperation and global partnership, TICA continues to work closely together with its development partners to realise the global development agenda through various capacity-building and human resources development programmes. In response to the recent changes in the global landscape of development cooperation, TICA has strengthened its partnerships to harness the synergy of South-South and Triangular Cooperation to tackle global development challenges, including expediting the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also continues to realign our focuses in order to deliver Thailand's commitments as a reliable global partner.

Since 1991, TICA, in collaboration with educational institutions in Thailand, has offered short-term training courses under its Annual International Training Course (AITC) programme. The number of

courses offered each year varies between 25 to 35 courses for 20 to 35 participants per course.

AITC not only fosters good and friendly relations which Thailand has already enjoyed with recipient countries across regions, but also helps Thailand to reach out to those countries with which we desire to engage more closely. The courses offered by TICA in 2026 are categorised into 7 themes: Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) for SGDs, Agriculture and Food Security, Health and Wellness, Climate Resilience, Trade and Economy, Inclusive Development, and Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Development.

Singapore-Thailand Third Country Training Programme (TCTP)

Since 1997, the Development Partnerships Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs has collaborated with TICA to extend technical assistance under the Singapore-Thailand TCTP. As partners in the technical cooperation cluster under the Civil Service Exchange Programme (CSEP), we conduct an annual review of the TCTP and renew our commitment to jointly share our experience and expertise with our ASEAN friends.

To date, more than 1,100 government officials from ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN and Timor-Leste have participated in our training courses conducted in the areas of economic, environment and urban development, as well as public administration.

Course Objectives

The course will provide participants with practical knowledge and strategic frameworks for implementing comprehensive digital government transformation. Participants will learn how to modernise government operations, design citizen-centric digital services, and build institutional capabilities for sustained digital innovation whilst ensuring cybersecurity, data protection, and digital inclusion across diverse populations.

Course Outline

Course topics may include:

- Strategic planning for whole-of-government digital transformation
- Citizen-centric service design and user experience principles
- Digital identity and authentication systems
- Data governance and interoperability frameworks
- Cybersecurity for government systems and citizen data protection.
- Digital inclusion strategies and accessibility standards.
- Singapore's Smart Nation Initiatives and GovTech Approach
- Thailand's digital government ecosystem and lessons learnt
- Change management and capacity building for digital adoption

Methodology

This course will be conducted in English through formal lectures and class activities by experienced trainers, academics and/or policy makers in relevant topics, with opportunities for group discussions, sharing sessions, case studies and/or evaluation sessions. Site visits to relevant agencies and facilities will be arranged.

Course Duration and Venue

This course will be conducted in-person from **21 to 25 September 2026** in Singapore.

Invited Countries

ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials from IT departments, digital transformation offices, and public service agencies responsible for modernising government operations and citizen services.
- Nominated by their government;
- Proficient in English;
- In good health; and
- Prepared to participate actively in the programme.

Terms of Award

This course is sponsored by the Governments of Singapore and Thailand under the Singapore-Thailand TCTP.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants thereafter known as “participants”, during the course in Singapore. These expenses include:

- An Economy Class round-trip air ticket to Singapore.
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course.
- A daily allowance of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (S\$130) from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the daily allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course.
- Transportation to the training venue and site visits during the course.
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for the duration of the course in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. This does not cover any pre-existing conditions / illnesses and/or any outpatient medical / dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical

expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy.

Note:

- Participants are to bear their personal expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance; and
- As the basic insurance coverage is limited, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage of 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: **20 July 2026**)

The Governments of Singapore and Thailand are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance (NFP) of ASEAN Member States and South Asian Countries to nominate **two (02)** suitable applicants. Selection of applicants 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 <http://go.gov.sg/tctp-dgt2026> by **20 July 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:

- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete application forms will not be considered. Please contact Devon Tan (devon_tan@mfa.gov.sg) and Clara Ho (Clara_HO@mfa.gov.sg) if you encounter technical issues during application.
- 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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