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Secretary  
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Dear Sir

**Infectious Disease Control & Outbreak Management**  
**From: 17 to 20 May 2021 - Online**

The Government of Singapore has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above e-learning programme. A copy of the programme details in this regard is enclosed.

We would be thankful if the suitable nominations are submitted with the following documents on or before 20 April 2021.

1. Duly filled Application Form (Hard copy of the Online Application)
2. Duly filled ERD Form - can be downloaded from [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk) (original only)

Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Udeni Udugahapattuwa  
 Addl. Director General  
 For Director General

# INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT

17 TO 20 MAY 2021

Sponsored by the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

and the

**JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY**

to be conducted by

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE  
SAW SWEE HOCK SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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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 132,000 officials from more than 170 countries and territories have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

## Japan International Cooperation Agency

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), one of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) implementing bodies, has been extending technical cooperation in human resource development to facilitate the autonomous, sustainable development of developing countries since its establishment in 1974.

JICA was reborn on October 1, 2008, as an aid donor agency providing technical cooperation, concessionary loans, and grant aid in integrated modus operandi. JICA will thus provide comprehensive assistance for developing countries by utilising the broader range of aid instruments in an effective and efficient manner and a network of 100 overseas offices around the world.

JICA will enhance the impact of assistance through (a) A More Strategic Framework to achieve medium-to-long term development goals of developing countries (b) More Predictable Aid as operational "rolling" plans will be utilised in policy dialogue with developing countries (c) Speedier Project Formulation through "Preparatory Survey" to ensure flexibility and speed at the project preparation stage (d) Assistance Tailored to Real Needs: Synergy of Aid Schemes to offer assistance that most effectively addresses the needs of developing countries.

## Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21)

As countries whose prime resources are their people, Singapore and Japan believe that human resource development is important for economic and social progress. With this mutual understanding, Singapore and Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding in January 1994 to train participants from developing countries by sharing each country's expertise and experience from their economic development under the Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme (JSPP).

The Japan - Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21) was established through a Memorandum of Discussion (MOD) signed in May 1997, to signify a widening of the scope of technical cooperation between Singapore and Japan. Since then, the MOD has been renewed three times, most recently in December 2018.

With a view to enhancing ASEAN integration and sharing the two countries' experience in their areas of expertise, both governments recognised, as areas of priority, training and capacity building for third countries in the fields of (a) security and peace, (b) addressing vulnerability, (c) private sector development, (d) connectivity, and (e) smart initiatives.

Since 1994, Singapore and Japan have implemented close to 400 training courses for almost 7,000 participants in diverse fields such as public governance, trade promotion, climate change and environment, community policing, disaster management, maritime navigation, tourism, and urban planning.

### Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health

The Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH), under the National University of Singapore, is the first and only full-fledged public health tertiary education institution in Singapore. Moving beyond the traditional domains of chronic disease aetiology and risk factors, the SSHSPH emphasises new technologies and method to measure and monitor exposure and disease, as well as new approaches to analyse public health programmes, health systems and policies.

## Course Objectives

This course aims to introduce the knowledge and skills in applied epidemiology and rapid response to the participants. Participants will learn about outbreak detection, investigation and response activities and methodologies through a combination of seminar, lecture, case studies, and panel discussions.

## Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Applied Epidemiology and Rapid Response;
- Outbreak Detection and Investigation;
- Covid-19 Pandemic Experience;
- Bio-Surveillance and Risk Assessment;
- Global Health Engagement

## Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants** through a virtual classroom with **synchronous e-Learning** ('live' e-learning sessions). There will be interactive group exercises such as case study preparations and facilitated panel discussions during the 'live' sessions.

## Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions; 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.

## Duration

The course will be held over 4 days from **17 to 20 May 2021**.

The **“Live” e-learning sessions** will be conducted from **1230\*** to latest **1700 (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours)** each day. Sessions may end earlier on selected days.

*\*The session on the first day will start at 1200 due to the Opening Ceremony.*

Prior to course commencement, the SSHSPH training coordinator will brief participants on the rules of engagement (break time, attendance, punctuality, recording, Q&A).

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level government officials who work in the healthcare sector, or on issues related to public health;
- Able to attend **all** the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, a functioning webcam and audio;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

## Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Governments of Japan and Singapore under the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **22 April 2021**)

The Governments of Japan and Singapore are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **two (2)** suitable applicants. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Governments of Japan and Singapore seek the understanding of the respective NFP in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/diseasecontrol> by **Thursday, 22 April 2021**. 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 who complete all course assignments and attend at least 75% of ‘live’ e-learning sessions, will receive a JSPP21 certificate of completion.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone 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. The NFP will also be informed directly.

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