

MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)

The history of the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) dates as far back as the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) for Asia Pacific Region in Sydney in February 1978, where the idea was first mooted. The MTCP was officially launched on September 7, 1980 at the Commonwealth Heads of State Meeting in New Delhi, India, to signify Malaysia's commitment to South-south cooperation, in particular Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, MTCP is considered as a bilateral technical cooperation programme with an objective to share development experiences with other developing countries. This "prosper-thy-neighbour" philosophy is the underlying basis for the MTCP. The programme was first formulated based on the belief that the development of a country depends on the quality of its human resources. The programme provides various forms of technical cooperation in areas where Malaysia has the experience and expertise. The MTCP emphasises on the development of human resources through the provision of training in various areas which are essential for a country's development such as public administration, agriculture, poverty alleviation, investment promotion, ICT, banking and English language.

Beginning 2010, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Malaysia is responsible for the administration and coordination of MTCP activities. Since its inception, the MTCP has expanded in terms of its scope and coverage with emphasis on the exchange of development experience. More than 2,000 participants from 139 member countries come to Malaysia annually under MTCP. Currently, the MTCP has a membership of more than 26,000 alumni worldwide. The 63 MTCP training institutions offer more than 100 short-term specialised courses, many of which are centres of excellence for training, with the aim of building human capital in other developing countries.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To share development experiences with other countries;
- ❖ To strengthen bilateral relations between Malaysia and other developing countries;
- ❖ To promote South-South Cooperation; and
- ❖ To promote technical cooperation among developing countries.

THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME (TCTP)

The MTCP also collaborates with international organisations such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Colombo Plan, the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), the Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA) and the Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AUSAID) through Third Country Training Programme (TCTP). These TCTPs are organised through partnerships with several MTCP training institutions.

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (INPUMA)

The International Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA), University Malaya, has established itself as one of the leading resource centres for public policy and human resource management in the region. This has been achieved through carefully crafted strategies and by consistently benchmarking itself against the best global practices in public policy. This, along with a clear recognition of current national and international developments in the political, economic and social spheres, constantly shape INPUMA's outlook and perspective. For instance, in the wake of the on-going global financial crisis and economic slowdown, INPUMA seeks to analyse, debate and monitor the effects of these developments on public policies.

Through forums, conferences and public lectures, INPUMA has succeeded in contributing to the intellectual discourse on public policy issues in Malaysia. These events revolve around topical and important public policy issues such as good governance in higher education, the impact of IT in bridging the urban-rural (or generational) divide, sustainable development, promotion of Malaysia as a *halal* hub, as well as development issues close to the heart of the civil society. They are designed to provide platforms to policy makers, leaders and the mass media to exchange and articulate ideas pertaining to policy issues. INPUMA, invariably, acts as an intellectual laboratory which tests out the best possible inputs for public policymaking.

In accordance with its multi-disciplinary focus, INPUMA seeks to collaborate with the public and private sectors in research programmes with the humanities and social sciences. A broader understanding of public policy and management is gained through this cross-fertilisation and this has helped to place INPUMA in a coveted position as one of the distinguished public policy institutions in Southeast Asia.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

International Post-graduate Degree Programme, **Master of Public Policy (MPP)** provides rigorous on-campus training. The MPP is offered at a post-graduate level and is geared to the needs of practising or prospective managers who wish to acquire or enhance the skills necessary for effective and responsible public sector management and policy analysis. The programme will equip candidates with knowledge in the fields of public policy processes and affairs within local and global contexts, and with theoretical and methodological skills in public policy issues.

The programme is designed for highly talented and highly motivated students who want to pursue a career in the public sector, non-profit-organisations or private businesses, whether on the local, regional, national or international level. The interdisciplinary programme equips candidates with the scientific knowledge and practical experience they will need to advance the public interest by making policy decisions on a rational basis and by implementing policy programs effectively.

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EFFECTIVE CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SENIOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM SELECTED OIC MEMBER STATES V

9th – 18th NOVEMBER 2013

BACKGROUND

The recent and ongoing political upheavals in many Muslim countries in Africa and the Middle East have had major repercussions on the lives of millions of Muslims and non-Muslim population. The "Arab Spring" which witnessed the collapse of several authoritarian "Islamic" regimes has exposed the socio-political and socio-economic fault-lines between government (State) and people (society). Therefore, it is germane and timely that West Asian (and sub-Saharan African) government and societies look to countries such as Malaysia as a model of a successful and progressive Muslim country (where Islam co-exists with modernity). Malaysia's nation-building and developmental experience offers invaluable lessons in applying Islam to new/ emerging situations and conditions that accommodates and gives expression to the aspirations of the Muslim *ummah* in the 21st century.

Globalisation of ideas made possible by the Internet and social networking platforms has been the catalyst and inspiration in the grassroots movement for change, including within OIC member-states. As the youth population comprise the agents of change and hope, demographics too is playing a critical role in inducing democratisation of the political order (as seen in the "Arab Spring").

This training programme seeks to provide senior public officials from selected OIC member-states and associate countries with the exposure to the role of transformative leadership in national integration and economic development. Specifically, the aim of the training programme is to enable participants to critically evaluate the changing role of the State and the transformation of society caused by and in response to, the phenomena of evolving political demography and pressures/winds of democratisation.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To learn from Malaysia's experiences in nation-building and managing a diverse society comprising both Muslims and non-Muslims;
- ❖ To enhance the participants' understanding and knowledge of the dynamics of Malaysia's developmental experience;
- ❖ To provide a platform for public officials from various Islamic countries (with different level of socioeconomic development) to exchange new ideas/insights and perspectives pertaining to good governance and economic management in the context of democratisation process;
- ❖ To expose participants to best practices in Malaysia's public as well as private sectors; and
- ❖ To provide a platform for participants to establish professional networks with Malaysian public officials/counterparts, and other organisations.

PROGRAMME DURATION

The duration of the programme is ten days. It will be held from 9th – 18th November 2013.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

The total number of participants will be limited to twenty-four (24), and comprising public officials (middle and senior levels) from various government ministries and agencies. Priority of selection will be given to applicants whose major tasks as public officials involve the critical aspects of public administration, education, law, politics and economics.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are obliged to fulfil the following requirements:

- ❖ Should be a civil servant of the OIC member states;
- ❖ Between 26 – 45 years of age;
- ❖ Should possess a good command of written and spoken English. A phone interview with short-listed candidates will be conducted by the Embassy of Malaysia before a final decision is made;
- ❖ Should have practical experience of more than five (5) years in the public sector;
- ❖ Must be in good health (applicants must submit his/her medical certificate together with the application form);
- ❖ Had never participated in previous MTCP or TCTP training programmes organised by INPUMA or other Malaysian implementing agencies; and
- ❖ Must not currently serve in the military service.

Women are encouraged to apply.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

This programme will be fully conducted in English and shall include lectures, seminars and hands-on training for government officials from the OIC member-states to share Malaysian experiences in developing viable public policies to manage diversity with a particular focus on human security and peace-building in a multicultural environment.

Field visits are an important component of the programme whereby participants will visit various public and private organisations (such as peace institute) as well as historical landmarks in Malaysia (which include places of worship) that relate to the programme's objectives.

Upon completion of this programme, participants would be able to apply the knowledge and experience gained in building peace and stability in their respective countries.

Certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of the programme.

ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION

Participants will be assigned to a group of three (3) to four (4) members with a specific topic which is relevant to their work experience in their respective organisations. As part of this training programme, each group will present their practical and workable action plans based on one of the major topic questions which will be assigned later. Several senior Malaysian academicians will be invited to evaluate the groups' action plan presentation.

Participants are required to bring research materials that may be helpful in preparing for their action plan presentation and proposals and these action plans must incorporate lessons learned throughout the duration of their training programme in Malaysia.

VISA

Wherever applicable, participants are advised to arrange for single entry visa on their own from the nearest Malaysian mission. The expense to obtain this visa should be borne by the participants. Successful participants are required to submit a **coloured** photocopy of the first page of their valid passport to the programme organiser for immigration processing.

VACCINATION FOR YELLOW FEVER

Participants from the Republic of The Sudan have to take a mandatory vaccination for yellow fever at least 10 days prior to their departure to Malaysia. Participants are required to be certified healthy and free from HIV and other chronic diseases by government medical officer to participate in the programme. Participants arriving in Malaysia are prohibited from bringing in plants, pests, soil, fertilisers, dry flowers and growth media. Participants must bring proof of such vaccination (such as the yellow book) to be produced at immigration upon entering Malaysia.

APPLICATION AND INQUIRIES

A government ministry applying for the course on behalf of its nominee(s) shall forward two (2) original copies of the completed and endorsed Application Form for each applicant to the Government of Malaysia through diplomatic channels.

Application procedure and enquiries are as follows:

All applications must be made via the standard application form, which is attached to this brochure and also obtainable from Embassy of Malaysia in the respective countries.

All application forms must be duly completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the relevant ministry or agency responsible for the overall coordination of international technical assistance (Focal Agency) in the respective countries. **INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNENDORSED FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Application form which has been endorsed and approved should be submitted **ONLY** through the diplomatic channel via Embassy of Malaysia in the respective countries no later than **Friday, 30th August 2013**. The addresses of the Embassy of Malaysia in the respective countries are as listed below:

IMPORTANT

All applicants must provide a valid e-mail address written/printed legibly in the application form. **Confirmation of the course and other notifications will be made using e-mail.**

For any inquiries regarding this course, please contact INPUMA through the following channels:

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INPUMA will notify successful applicants no later than **Monday, 14th October 2013**.