

# **EFFECTIVE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMMING**

# 5 TO 6 FEBRUARY 2015 (MAYORS' PROGRAMME) 28 JANUARY TO 6 FEBRUARY 2015 (PROFESSIONAL STAFF TRAINING)

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#### SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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### SINGAPORE-CITIES DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR ASIA THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME

#### 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 90,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# Cities Development Initiative for Asia

The Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), was established to assist Asian cities to bridge the planning - infrastructure investment gap. Within this context, CDIA uses a demand-driven approach to support the identification and development of urban investment projects in the framework of existing city development plans that emphasize one or more of the following impact areas:

- 1. Urban environment improvement
- 2. Urban poverty reduction
- 3. Climate change mitigation or adaptation

CDIA has been working with client cities from several countries in Asia to assist them in bridging the gap between their development plans and access to funding to finance their strategic urban infrastructure projects.

#### Singapore-CDIA Third Country Training Programme

The Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) have agreed to continue their partnership of cooperation under the Singapore-CDIA Third Country Training Programme (TCTP), aimed at joint provision of technical assistance to developing countries in the Asian region for their economic and social development.

The areas of training will include, but will not be limited to, the following subjects:

- Urban infrastructure project prioritisation and programming;
- Urban infrastructure finance;
- Urban infrastructure services contributing to urban sustainability (environment, social development, economic development);
- Marketing of infrastructure investment projects to potential financiers;
- Using public private partnership (PPP) arrangements for infrastructure investments;
- Using pre-feasibility studies to help bridge the gap between development plans and project implementation.

# **Course Objectives**

The purpose of the course is to enable participants to learn about effective urban infrastructure planning, programming and implementation of infrastructure investment projects which contribute to sustainable urban development. At the end of the course, the participants are expected to have a good understanding of:

- The ingredients which would enable the successful implementation of urban concept development plans;
- 2. The Singapore example as a process that can be adapted and applied to their country's circumstances; and
- 3. A number of initiatives and supports available to strengthen competencies and skills of cities in preparing bankable urban infrastructure investment projects.

### **Course Methodology**

The course will cover the following:

- Policy aspects;
- Interactive sessions on the topics of infrastructure investment planning and programming;
- Small group working sessions with urban planning and management experts; and
- Field and site visits to the Singapore Land Transport Authority, Urban Redevelopment Authority, etc.

Small group discussions, the application of selected tools and guidelines will be delivered via formal presentations, case studies and exercises. There will be no written examination.

Each country will be required to make a country presentation. More details would be provided to the successful applicants.

# Duration

The course will be held from 28 January to 6 February 2015 for Senior Professional Staff; and 5 to 6 February 2015 for City Mayors and Senior Executives.

# **Invited Countries**

ADB's Developing Member Countries

# **Application Information**

This course is highly relevant to senior government policy makers (e.g. mayors, governors, commissioners) and their professional staff (senior municipal, city and provincial officials).

Applicants should be:

- Nominated by their respective governments;
- Middle to senior level government officials, who are closely involved with policy making on cities development;
- Proficient in spoken and written English as the course in conducted fully in English without translation; and
- In good health.

### Terms of Award

This Course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore and the Cities Development Initiative for Asia under the Singapore-CDIA TCTP. Successful applicants will receive the following hospitality terms:

- An economy class, round-trip, air ticket between the respective international airports designated by CDIA.
- A daily training allowance of USD 33 from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses.
- 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.
- Transportation to the training venue and site visits.
- Training fees, including lecture fees, administrative fees, and teaching materials.
- Basic medical insurance for participants to cover surgery and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore.

#### Note:

- Participants are advised to have some money for miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving their training allowance;
- (ii) Out-patient medical/dental treatment expenses will not be covered under the medical insurance scheme.

#### Advisory

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- a) To strictly observe course schedules and not to change training subjects;
- b) Not to bring any member of their family or personal aide for the duration of the course;
- c) To refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore;
- d) To discontinue the Course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training, or have committed an improper act; and
- e) To return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

### **Application Procedures**

(Closing date for nomination: 12 November 2014)

The Government of Singapore and the CDIA are pleased to invite the selected Asian cities to nominate <u>three</u> suitable candidates for consideration from their city.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Government of Singapore and the CDIA seek the understanding of the respective cities in the event that their nominee is not selected.

All nominations are to be carried out using the official application form. Application forms should be printed or typed, and in black ink.

Completed application forms are to be submitted by <u>**12 November 2014**</u> and addressed to:

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- All application forms should be completed in full and <u>must</u> bear the endorsement of the CDIA or the respective National Focal Point responsible for technical assistance.
- Incomplete application form 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.
- CDIA will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representation in the nominating country.

#### Information on Singapore

For more information about Singapore, please visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at http://www.visitsingapore.com

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