

INTERNATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE

2 TO 13 DECEMBER 2013

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD/
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION
PROGRAMME**

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CIVIL DEFENCE ACADEMY

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. Through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), Singapore can contribute to the development of other developing countries.

In 1992, the SCP was established, bringing together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes have been increased to meet the needs of developing countries.

Since 1992, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 80,000 officials from 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Civil Defence Academy

The Civil Defence Academy (CDA), the training institution of the Singapore Civil Defence Force, conducts a wide range of courses such as disaster management, urban search and rescue, fire fighting, fire safety and mitigation of hazardous materials. To enhance the quality of the training, the Academy makes use of advanced simulators at its Field Training Area to create training scenarios that are realistic yet safe. Since its establishment in 1999, the Academy has trained more than 4,000 international participants from 122 countries.

Course Objectives

This is an intermediate course designed to train international participants on the tactics and techniques of conducting rescue operations in Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) settings.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Explain the concepts and principles in managing and handling rescue operations in USAR settings

- Conduct rescue missions professionally in various rescue scenarios
- Demonstrate a high level of rescue skills proficiency and equipment know-how to effectively mitigate a USAR disaster

Synopsis and Methodology

Participants will undergo a mixture of theoretical and practical training sessions covering an array of topics.

Topics to be covered include:

- Principles of USAR Operations
- Search and Rescue Techniques
- Breathing Apparatus (BA) Proficiency Training
- Fundamentals of Collapsed Structural Rescue
- Confined Spaced Rescue
- Height Rescue
- Rescue Scenarios and Exercises

Duration

The course will be held from **2 to 13 December 2013**.

Application Information:

Applicants should be:

- Personnel who are involved in urban search and rescue disaster management and training
- Rescuers and fire fighters who are involved in urban search and rescue operations
- Nominated by their respective Governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English
- In good physical and mental fitness

NOTE: Successful applicants would be required to pass a medical examination and be certified fit to attend the course after they have been confirmed a place. We will send the medical examination forms to successful applicants. Applicants who fail to submit the completed medical report by the deadline (to be advised) will not be allowed to pursue the course. Participants who have a history of heart, respiratory or high blood pressure ailments should NOT apply.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award and the Small Island Developing States Technical Cooperation Programme.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore 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 Thirty Singapore Dollars (S\$30) from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from first day to one day after the course. Lunch is also provided at the Training Agency on training days. The daily training allowance is Forty Singapore Dollars (S\$40) on weekends.];
- 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 recipient 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; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing Date for Nomination: **21 October 2013**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant.

Where there are more applicants than training places, the selection of applicants will be based on merit. The Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event their nominee is not selected.

All nominations are to be carried out 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 **Monday, 21 October 2013**.

Please address the forms to:

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

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Fax: (65) 6479 3357
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- 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.
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- ## Information on Singapore
- For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at **www.yoursingapore.com**
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- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail or faxed to the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** at Fax **(65) 6479 3357**. 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.