

MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MITCP)

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MITCP) was first initiated at the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) for Asia Pacific Region in Sydney in February 1978. It was officially launched on 7 September 1980 at the 2nd CHOGRM 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, Malaysia through the MITCP shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries.

Since its inception in 1980, more than 33,000 participants from 144 recipient countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MITCP. More information at MITCP website : www.mitcp.kln.gov.my.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To share Malaysia's development experience 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.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

The University of Malaya, International Institute of Public Policy and Management 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. Along with a clear recognition of current national, and international developments in the political, economic and social spheres, the University of Malaya, International Institute of Public Policy and Management outlook and perspective are constantly shaped. As an example, in the wake of the recent turmoil in the Middle East, our institute seeks to analyse, dialogue, debate and monitor its implications on public policies at both the international and national levels.

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Over the years, the University of Malaya International Institute of Public Policy and Management has succeeded in contributing to the intellectual discourse on public policy issues in Malaysia through forums, conferences and public lectures. These events revolve around topical and important public policy issues such as good governance in higher education, the impact of I.R. 4.0 in bridging the urban-rural (or generational) divide, sustainable development, promotion of Malaysia as a global 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. Our institute, invariably, acts as an intellectual laboratory which tests out the best possible inputs for public policy-making.

In accordance with its multi-disciplinary focus, the institute 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 our institute in a coveted position as one of the distinguished public policy institutions in Southeast Asia.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The 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 in 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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MANAGING GENDER ISSUES IN COMPLEX SOCIETIES

16 - 22 JUNE 2019



BACKGROUND

The issue of gender cuts across many economic, social, political and legal domains. However, this issue is often overlooked or inadequately addressed in many developed and developing countries. Involvement of women in promoting gender responsive environments is integral in enabling greater equity and equality of opportunity. Failing to take into account the gender issue in the context of growing economic uncertainties can lead towards greater problems of inequality, discrimination and marginalization. Studies have shown that women who are empowered and given greater access to productive resources will yield long-benefits for a country. In other words, ignoring a focus on gender, particularly on the role of women in the initial designs, implementation and monitoring of certain policies and programmes, will only serve as a hindrance towards inclusive development. With this in mind, it is crucial to address and integrate gender issues in nation-building programmes.

This programme allows participants to study and understand the different approaches and strategies adopted by the Malaysian Government in addressing issues pertaining to gender and development. Malaysia, as the host country of this training programme serves as a relevant example of a harmonious yet multicultural society. Whilst Islam is set as the official religion of the country, other people of different religious affiliations are free to practice their religion. Moreover, women are empowered and given recognition in Malaysia. Malaysian women have played an important part in development and nation-building since independence. Furthermore, policies take into consideration of the role and responsibilities of women. The 10th Malaysia Plan, for example, has a special clause about gender and inclusiveness in development.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To study policies and programmes, introduced by Malaysia, especially in the context of the changing roles and contribution of women in areas of development;
- ❖ To serve as a platform for participating countries to discuss and debate on latest developments with regard to the issues of gender and development;
- ❖ To include women in the initial formulation and implementation design of a country's policy and developmental planning; and
- ❖ To enable the development of viable public policies and political mechanisms in managing potential areas of conflict in order to attain the goals of peace, security and nation building.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

The total number of candidates is limited to twenty-four (24), comprising of public officials (middle and senior levels) from ASEAN member countries. However, public officials from other regions are also encouraged to apply.

PROGRAMME DURATION & SEMINAR PRESENTATION

The duration of the programme is seven days. It will be held from 16 – 22 June 2019. Participants will be assigned to a group of four (4) to five (5) 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 cases. Several senior academicians/officials will be invited to evaluate the presentations.

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are obliged to fulfil the following requirements:

- ❖ A civil servant from ASEAN Member States who has practical experience of more than five (5) years in the public sector. However, participants from other countries would also be considered;
- ❖ Aged between **26 – 50 years**;
- ❖ Possess a **good command of written and spoken English**. A phone and when possible, a face-to-face interview with short-listed candidates will be conducted by the Embassy of Malaysia before a final decision is made;
- ❖ Be in good health (applicants must submit his/her medical certificate together with the application form);
- ❖ **Have never** participated in the previous MITCP or TCP training programmes organised by University of Malaya International Institute of Public Policy and Management or other Malaysian implementing agencies;
- ❖ Must not currently serve in the military service;
- ❖ Public officials (males and females) are encouraged to apply.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

This programme, fully conducted in English includes lectures, seminars and hands-on training to share Malaysia's experiences in developing viable public policies to manage complex gender issues.

Field visits are an important component of the programme whereby participants will visit various public and private organisations as well as historical landmarks in Malaysia that are relevant to the programme objectives.

Certificates of attendance will be awarded upon successful completion of the programme.

AIR FARES

The Government of Malaysia shall provide excursion economy air ticket to all MITCP participants from the capital city of the MITCP recipient country to Kuala Lumpur and return air ticket from Kuala Lumpur to the capital city of the MITCP recipient country.

VISA AND VACCINATION

It is mandatory for all the MITCP participants to follow the Visa With Reference (VWR) application procedure. Wherever applicable, participants are advised to arrange for vaccination on their own prior to travel to Malaysia.

Expenditures on all visa-related fees, airport tax/airport user's charge, transit insurance, excess luggage, travel tax, transit fees, domestic passenger terminal fees, phone charges, private purchases, etc borne by the participants.

Participants from yellow fever-endemic areas including diplomatic and official passport holders are required to take a mandatory vaccination for yellow fever at least ten (10) days prior to their departure for Malaysia and to produce a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate at the entry point in Malaysia.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT

Medical treatments are provided at government hospitals/clinics only and the expenses will be borne by the Government of Malaysia under MITCP. In case of an emergency, participants are eligible to be admitted to government hospitals/clinics. Dental treatment are restricted to extraction and filling only.

APPLICATION AND INQUIRIES

All application forms must be duly completed and endorsed by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal/Aid Coordinator Agency** in the respective countries (the relevant ministry or agency responsible for the overall coordination of international technical assistance) and **should be submitted ONLY** through the diplomatic channel via Embassy of Malaysia in the respective countries.

Application procedures and enquiries are as follows:

Applications should be made using the prescribed MITCP forms available at: https://mitcpcoms.kln.gov.my/online/1st_course

MITCP application forms can also be obtained at nearest Malaysian Embassies in recipient countries.

INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNENDORSED FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Submitted application forms must be accompanied by the applicant's:

- Copy of Passport
- Passport sized coloured photo (3.5cm x 5cm)
- Medical Report

Only successful report applicants will be notified.

Application forms which have been endorsed and approved should be submitted **ONLY** through the diplomatic channel via Embassy of Malaysia in the respective countries no later than **Friday, 3 May 2019**.

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 through e-mail.**

For any inquiries regarding this course, please contact the University of Malaya International Institute of Public Policy and Management through the following channels:

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Preferred mode of communication is through e-mail.

Successful applicants will be notified no later than **Wednesday, 8 May 2019**.