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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Economic Affairs,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: - TRAINING COURSE ON "FOSTERING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY THROUGH AI AND DATA GOVERNANCE" TO BE HELD FROM 26TH FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH, 2024, UNDER THE SINGAPORE-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY THE 21ST CENTURY (JSPP21).

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Government of Singapore has invited (2) two nominations for the above training course. The Governments of Japan-Singapore will bear full expenditure for the training including round-trip economy airfares, (accommodation and local transfers), training fees, training allowance and group personal accident / hospitalization insurance.

2. The eligibility criteria and objectives of the subject course are as under:

Eligibility Criteria: -

- Permanent Government Officers (BS-17 and above) only and nominated by respective Federal Government or Provincial Department.
- Mid-to-senior level government officials involved in developing the digital economy in their country;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

Objective: -

- Understand trends and challenges in AI and data governance.
- Gain an overview of cross-border data transfer tools.
- Identify effective strategies for the creation, protection and enforcement of Digital Economy centric IP rights.
- Learn about Singapore's and Japan's respective approaches towards AI and data governance.


3. Nomination of suitable candidates duly approved by the competent authority along with the following documents may kindly be forwarded to this Division by **5th January, 2024 (Friday)** positively. Nominees are also requested to apply online at <https://go.gov.sg/jspp21de> before **5th January, 2024**.

4. Required Documents:

1	Nomination letter in original	01 copy
2	Filled in Performa for FTC	01 copy
3	Application form	02 copies
4	CNIC & Photograph	02 copies each
5	Passport	01 copy
6	Surety Bond and Undertaking	01 copy each

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5. In case of incomplete/late submission of documents, nomination will not be entertained. Moreover, any deliberate provision of wrong information on part of the candidate shall be liable to be rejected.


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2. Joint Secretary (Training), Establishment Division, Islamabad.
3. Section Officer (UN-III/Secretary FTC), EAD.
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to all National Focal Points for Technical Assistance and has the honour to invite applications for the course on “Fostering the Digital Economy through AI and Data Governance”, to be conducted from 26 February to 1 March 2024 under the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century (JSPP21).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore has the further honour to inform all National Focal Points for Technical Assistance that under the JSPP21, the Government of the Republic of Singapore is pleased to consider two (2) suitable applicants nominated by each National Focal Point. The application must be completed in full and endorsed by the respective National Focal Point before submitting to the Government of the Republic of Singapore by Wednesday, 17 January 2024. As stipulated by the Government of Japan, all applicants are also required to declare their relation to the military to JICA in order to be eligible for the course.

The Ministry has the further honour to highlight that successful applicants will be notified accordingly via Letters of Acceptance. The Ministry will not accept into the course any applicant who arrives in Singapore without an official Letter of Acceptance. Under the JSPP21 arrangement, the Governments of Japan and Singapore will sponsor round-trip economy airfares, local hospitality (accommodation and local transport), training fees, training allowance and group

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personal accident/hospitalisation insurance. Details on the application procedures are available in the attached brochure.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all National Focal Points for Technical Assistance the assurances of its highest consideration.



SINGAPORE

6 December 2023

All National Focal Points for Technical Assistance

FOSTERING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY THROUGH AI AND DATA GOVERNANCE

26 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH 2024

Jointly sponsored by the

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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 150,000 officials from more than 180 countries, territories, and intergovernmental organisations 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. From 2008, JICA was further strengthened to incorporate all activities of Japan's Official Development including concessional ODA loans and grant aid in an effective and efficient manner.

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 more than 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.

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) is a government agency under the Ministry of Law. Our mission is to use our intellectual property (IP) expertise and networks to drive Singapore's future growth, and build Singapore into a hub where innovative enterprises use IP and intangible assets to grow.

In August 2019, IPOS launched its new subsidiary, IPOS International, that brings together over 100 IP experts under one roof with strengths in IP strategy and management, patent search and analysis, and IP education and training within the IPOS Group. The new

entity supports enterprise and industry growth through the management and commercialisation of their intangible assets (IA) and intellectual property (IP).

An IP office for the future, IPOS is building the innovation ecosystem together with IPOS International, and anchoring Singapore as a hub for global innovation flows where intangible asset-rich enterprises can grow today's ideas and become tomorrow's assets.

Course Objectives

The increasing usage of artificial intelligence (AI) for various applications and the development of big data tools have allowed countries to benefit from opportunities brought by the digital economy. However, this has also led to challenges in areas such as safeguarding citizens' privacy and protecting the intellectual property (IP) rights of businesses and citizens. Countries need to formulate effective AI and data governance frameworks to deal with such challenges effectively.

This course aims to cultivate an innovative mindset towards AI and data governance among government officials such that they can better formulate governance frameworks to maximise benefits from the digital economy. This program is designed to benefit participants from countries at all stages of development.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Understand trends and challenges in AI and data governance.
- Gain an overview of cross-border data transfer tools.
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Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants**. It will include lectures, group discussions and Q&A sessions.

Participants should bring along their own internet-enabled learning devices such as laptops or tablets (mobile phones are not recommended) for this course.

Course Duration and Venue

The course will be conducted daily in Singapore from **26 February to 1 March 2024**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level government officials involved in developing the digital economy in their country;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

In addition, as stipulated by the Government of Japan:

If your organisation and/or your status is related to the Military, you are required to email to 1rtd2@jica.go.jp with your name, country, organisation, the course name, and choose one option from below that best describes your relationship with the Military:

- A) the Military, an active military personnel or a military personnel listed in the muster roll/military register
- B) an organisation affiliated with the Military, or a personnel who does not belong to the military at present but is listed in the muster roll/military register
- C) the Department or the Ministry of Defense, and organisation affiliated with the Ministry of Defense, or staff of the Ministry of Defense
- D) a civilian organisation but with military personnel or a military division within the organisation
- E) an organisation which will be affiliated with or under the control of the Military in times of emergency as specified clearly in its organic law/law of establishment

Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organisations and/or who are

enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organisation, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner.

Terms of Award

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

Under this programme arrangement, the Governments of Japan and Singapore will bear the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as "participants", during their training in Singapore.

These expenses include:

- Course fees;
- An Economy Class round-trip air ticket between the respective international airports designated by JICA;
- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (120 SGD) from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the daily training allowance will be made if the participant is unable to attend the full duration of the course;
- Accommodation for the duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course;
- Transportation between hotel, training venue and site visits (if any); and
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. This does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy.

Note:

- For entry into Singapore, participants would be required to adhere to the latest travel

- requirements and advisories as indicated at www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart;
- Participants are to bear their personal expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the per diem; and
 - As the basic insurance coverage is limited, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage of COVID-19 related expenses and medical evacuation in the event of any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- Strictly observe course schedules and attend all 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.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **17 January 2024**)

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/jspp21de> by **Wednesday, 17 January 2024**. 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 will receive a JSPP21 certificate of completion upon completion of the course;
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed; and

- 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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