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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **All Heads of Offices, Central Office
All Bureau Directors
All Regional Executive Directors
All Heads of Attached Agencies**

FROM : **The Assistant Secretary
Administration and Human Resources**

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO NOMINATE ONE (1) CANDIDATE TO THE
ONLINE WORKSHOP ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
(AMR) FROM 21 SEPTEMBER TO 21 OCTOBER 2021**

DATE : **JUL 02 2021**

This pertains to the attached letter of Ambassador Gerard Ho of the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore inviting DENR apply for the **Online workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) from 21 September to 21 October 2021**. This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Singapore Cooperation Programme and the US Department of State.

The course aims to provide participants with the tools for addressing frequently experienced challenges in implementing national action plans to combat AMR, such as inter-agency coordination, raising public awareness, mobilizing financing, and tracking progress. It will also provide a platform for sharing lessons learned and good practices from Asia, and around the world.

In this regard, interested applicants shall possess the following qualifications:

1. Mid-to-Senior Level Official;
2. proficient in written and spoken English language;
3. be in good health, both physically and mentally; and
4. able to participate in the entire duration of the course.

The applicants shall submit the following requirements to HRDS-Training and Development Division **not later than 05 August 2021**:

1. Nomination letter/Memorandum addressed to the Director of Human Resource Development Service by the Head of Office;
2. Signed Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) resolution, if applicable;
3. Individual Development Plan (IDP);
4. Service Record (at least two (2) years as a permanent employee);
5. Certifications stating that the nominee:

- has no pending administrative and/or criminal case;
 - has no pending scholarship nomination;
 - has at least a very satisfactory performance rating for two (2) immediate rating periods.
6. Certification of actual duties and responsibilities (including past involvement) relevant to the program signed by immediate superior; and
 7. Duly accomplished Personal Data Sheet (with list of in-service trainings and seminars attended) and 2 x 2 photo (hard and soft copies).

The Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) will conduct screening and selection of candidates to the said training program.

The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore's deadline of submission of application and documentary requirements is on **20 August 2021**. Attached are the invitation letter, application form, and other details of the program, for reference.

For information and appropriate action.


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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
MANILA

AMBASSADOR

10 June 2021

Honourable Roy A Cimatú
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Republic of the Philippines

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Dear Secretary Cimatú,

I am pleased to inform you that the Singapore National Centre for Infectious Diseases and the United States (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will jointly conduct an online workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) from 21 September to 21 October 2021. This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Singapore Cooperation Programme and the US Department of State.

2 The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Surveillance of AMR trends at the regional, national, and sub-national level, including progress and challenges in applying a One Health approach to the problem of AMR;
- Implementation and evaluation of national action plans on AMR, including countries' progress and challenges since 2018; and
- Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on AMR, and applying lessons learned from the COVID-19 response to AMR issues.

This workshop is targeted at Mid-to-Senior level government officials from agencies responsible for monitoring, controlling, and communicating about the spread of AMR.

3 I would like to invite the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to nominate one participant for this workshop. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. The deadline for nomination is **20 August 2021**, and more details can be found in the enclosed General Information Brochure.

4 I look forward to welcoming a participant from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for this workshop. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Ho', written in a cursive style.

GERARD HO



No. 103/2021

The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honour to enclose invitations from His Excellency Gerard Ho, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Republic of the Philippines, to Honourable William D Dar, Secretary of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines; Honourable Francisco T Duque III, Secretary of Health of the Republic of the Philippines; and Honourable Roy A Cimat, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Philippines regarding the Singapore-United States Third Country Training Programme online "Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance" to be held from 21 September to 21 October 2021.

The Embassy has the further honour to inform the Department of Foreign Affairs that the invitation letters and enclosed General Information Brochure will be conveyed directly to the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines the assurances of its highest consideration.

10 June 2021

Department of Foreign Affairs
Republic of the Philippines



**WORKSHOP ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
ONLINE: 21 SEPTEMBER – 21 OCTOBER 2021**

Jointly sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

and the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

under the

**SINGAPORE – UNITED STATES
THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME**

to be conducted by

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

and the

U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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 132,000 officials from more than 180 countries and territories have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

United States Department of State

The United States has a long history of providing technical assistance in Southeast Asia. We believe our partnership with Singapore, through the Third Country Training Programme, will enable us to further strengthen our cooperation for the benefit of the Asia-Pacific Region and build on our long-term engagement with ASEAN. Our goal is to help countries build capacity and develop sustainable systems.

In collaboration with Singapore and the recipient countries, we will work toward these common goals. By sharing best practices, we can strengthen local governmental institutions, especially the public administration and the civil service of countries.

The Third Country Training Programme, while managed by the U.S. Department of State, is a whole-of-government effort working with relevant experts in the field to strengthen ASEAN integration.

Singapore-United States Third Country Training Programme

Established in February 2012, the Singapore-United States Third Country Training Programme (TCTP) is a partnership between the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the US Department of State to jointly conduct capacity building courses for Southeast Asian countries, in particular those in the Lower Mekong region. The TCTP supports ASEAN community-building efforts by enhancing connectivity, promoting sustainable development, and strengthening regional resilience. Singapore and the US draw on complementary expertise and experience to develop innovative capacity building programmes that meet the priority needs of ASEAN member countries.

National Centre for Infectious Diseases

The National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID), a purpose-built 14-storey healthcare facility with 330 beds, is designed to strengthen Singapore's capabilities in infectious disease management and prevention. NCID is unique in housing clinical services, public health, research, training and education and community engagement under one overarching structure. In addition to the functions of the Communicable Disease Centre for clinical treatment of infectious disease and outbreak management, the other functional units of NCID include the National Public Health and Epidemiology Unit, the National Public Health Laboratory, the Infectious Disease Research and Training Office, the Antimicrobial Resistant Coordinating Office, and the National Public Health Programmes, i.e. Human Immunodeficiency Viruses (HIV) and Tuberculosis (TB).

NCID was opened in November 2018. Benchmarked to international standards and best practices for treatment and safety, NCID enhanced Singapore's ability to respond effectively to infectious outbreaks. In addition, the NCID and its precursor (the Institute of Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology, 2013 - 2018) has also provided infectious disease or outbreak trainings for regional and international healthcare workers.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are chronic or acute, curable or preventable, human error or deliberate attack, CDC fights disease and supports communities and citizens to do the same. To accomplish our mission, CDC conducts critical science and provides health information that protects our nation against expensive and dangerous health threats, and responds when these arise.

CDC works with world leaders and experts to accelerate progress towards achieving the END TB Targets. CDC utilises its strong technical expertise and unique peer-to-peer relations with Ministries of Health, and leverages CDC's and PEPFAR platforms to develop and catalyse innovative, data-driven approaches to find, cure and prevent tuberculosis globally and to strengthen surveillance and laboratory systems critical for programme success.

Course Objectives

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) - the problem of bacteria, viruses, and parasites developing resistance to antibiotic, anti-viral, and anti-malaria treatment - is one of the most serious public health concerns worldwide. Globalisation is one factor leading to the rapid spread of AMR, facilitated by the migration of human, animals and plants that act as hosts for drug resistant strains of pathogens.

Although the circumstances of AMR may vary by region or country, Asia is an epicentre of AMR. As the prevalence of major bacterial pathogens developing AMR has increased, so has the threat of rising mortality from bacterial, viral, fungal, and parasitic organisms. Resistant infections requires adoption of increasingly expensive and more toxic therapies, which places additional burdens on diagnostic microbiology, and complicates syndrome-based treatment in developing economies.

Action to combat AMR continues at multiple levels, ranging from individual hospitals to global actions through such bodies at the WHO and the Global Health Security Agenda. Launched in November 2020, the One Health Global Leaders Group (GLG) on AMR consists of global leaders in science, industry and government, and aims to advance efforts globally against AMR. While many countries have drafted national action plans (NAPs) to combat AMR, pivoting from action planning to implementation has proven challenging.

This course will provide participants with the tools for addressing frequently experienced challenges in implementing NAPs, such as inter-agency coordination, raising public awareness, mobilising financing, and tracking progress. It will also provide a platform for sharing lessons learned and good practices from Asia, and around the world.

Course Outline

- (a) Surveillance of AMR trends at the regional, national, and sub-national level, including progress and challenges in applying a One Health approach to the problem of AMR;
- (b) Implementation and evaluation of national action plans on AMR, including countries' progress and challenges since 2018; and
- (c) Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on AMR, and applying lessons learned from COVID-19 response to AMR issues.

Methodology

This course will be delivered by e-Learning for up to **31 participants**.

It will be conducted in a lecture and panel discussion style by experienced trainers, academics and/or policy makers in relevant topics, with opportunities for group discussions, sharing sessions, case studies and/or evaluation sessions.

Course Duration

The online course will be conducted every Tuesday and Thursday from **21 Sep – 21 Oct 2021 from 8.30am – 10.30am (GMT +8)**.

Sessions	Singapore [SGT]
Day 1 – 21 Sep	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 2 – 23 Sep	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 3 – 28 Sep	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 4 – 30 Sep	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 5 – 5 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 6 – 7 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 7 – 12 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 8 – 14 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 9 – 19 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am
Day 10 – 21 Oct	8.30am – 10.30am

Invited Countries

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor-Leste.

Application Information

- Invited countries are strongly encouraged to nominate participants who are mid- to senior-level ASEAN government officials from ministries responsible for monitoring, controlling, and communicating about the spread of AMR, including ministries of health, agriculture, and environment;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom/Cisco Webex/Microsoft Teams installed, and an internet-enabled device with functioning webcam, microphone and audio;
- Prepared to participate actively in the programme;
- Prepared for "live" sessions to be recorded and shared with other course participants;
- Nominated by their Government;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

Terms Of Award

This course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore and the Government of the United States of America (U.S.) under the Singapore-U.S. TCTP.

Under this TCTP, the Governments of Singapore and the U.S. will bear the course fees for successful applicants, thereafter known as "participants".

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- To strictly observe course schedules and not to change training subjects or miss training sessions; and
- To carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Government or the Governments of Singapore and the U.S. with respect to the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **20 August 2021**)

The Governments of Singapore and the U.S. are pleased to invite the the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate up to **three (3)** suitable candidates for consideration.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Governments of Singapore and and the US seek the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that their nominee is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted **online at <https://go.gov.sg/ustctpamr2021> by 20 August 2021**. 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 who complete all course assignments and attend at least 66% of 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.
- All applications should be completed in full. Incomplete online application forms will not be considered. Please contact celia_tang@mfa.gov.sg and odelia_oh@mfa.gov.sg if you encounter technical issues during application.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone 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. The National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representation in the nominating country.

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