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21st July 2026

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings

Secretary to the President / Presidential Secretariat
Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office
Heads/ Other Special Spending Units
Secretaries / All Ministries
Heads/ All Departments
Chief Secretaries / All Provincial Councils
District Secretaries / All Districts

Short Term Training Programme on "Urban Development towards a Smart Nation Vision"
From 23rd November 2026 to 27th November 2026 in Singapore

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Singapore has invited nominations for the Short Term Training Programme on "Urban Development towards a Smart Nation Vision", jointly organized by the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century. The programme will be held in Singapore from 23rd to 27th November 2026.

This course is conducted under the auspices of the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme for the 21st Century and is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the key drivers, challenges, and opportunities associated with resilient and sustainable urban development and management. The programme will also offer valuable insights into smart nation development initiatives and best practices adopted by both Japan and Singapore, enabling participants to strengthen their knowledge and contribute more effectively to future urban development strategies and policies.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate your kind assistance in bringing this training opportunity to the attention of relevant officers within your Ministry/Institution and the agencies under your purview. Given the relevance of the programme to the functions and responsibilities of your institution, we kindly invite you to consider nominating a suitably qualified and deserving officer whose current duties are closely aligned with the subject matter of the programme for participation in this valuable training opportunity.

Kindly note that all nominations should fully comply with the guidelines set out in the programme details attached herewith, and be submitted in accordance with TA Circular 2013/2014 (ii) dated 24th October 2013, issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

The nomination should reach ERD on or before 2:00 PM on 03rd August 2026, accompanied by the following documents:

- Nomination letter with the recommendation from the relevant Ministry
- Application (a copy of online application)
- Duly completed ERD Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)

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Please note that only two training opportunities have been allocated to Sri Lanka under this programme. Accordingly, applications received by the External Resources Department (ERD) will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The final selection of participants will be made by the Government of Singapore, taking into consideration the nominee's qualifications, professional experience, and the relevance of the programme to his or her current duties and responsibilities.

Please be informed that, upon confirmation of selection, nominees are expected to honour their acceptance and participate in the programme as committed. Withdrawals after selection should be limited to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. As these training opportunities are extended for the benefit of the country, any withdrawal after confirmation adversely affects Sri Lanka's standing with the sponsoring agencies, results in the loss of valuable training opportunities, and deprives other deserving officers of the chance to benefit from such programmes. Accordingly, nominees and their respective Ministries/Institutions are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted only after careful consideration and with a firm commitment to participate in the programme if selected.

Instructions for applicants are available at <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>, and nominated applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the online registration at their earliest convenience. As the application process is conducted entirely online, nominees are required to submit their applications through <https://go.gov.sg/udtasnv2026>. Timely submission of the online application, together with all required supporting documents, will enable the External Resources Department (ERD) to process nominations and provide the necessary endorsement required by the programme organizers, thereby facilitating the allocation of the training opportunity to Sri Lanka.

This programme presents a valuable opportunity for the Government of Sri Lanka to further enhance the knowledge, skills, and leadership capacities of its public officials. Accordingly, your cooperation in identifying and nominating the most suitable candidate to effectively benefit from this training opportunity would be greatly appreciated.

Your prompt attention and cooperation in this regard are highly appreciated.



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