Law & Arbitration

Rule of Law is fundamental to Singapore’s progress. A sound legal framework also undergirds a conducive business environment for Singapore, which in turn helps to attract foreign direct investment. Through this cluster of courses under the SCP, we can share Singapore’s expertise in Intellectual Property (IP) rights, dispute resolution and international law – all of which are vital in today’s knowledge economy.
Competition Law Policy and Intellectual Property Rights

Scheduled Dates
24 September - 3 October 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
13 August 2014

Objectives
Participants will learn about the key theories of competition law and policy, Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), and technology diffusion. The course analyses their impact on two main areas of international trade: export promotion and foreign direct investment. It will also review existing relevant policies and issues, and their underlying effects on international trade.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- The role and importance of competition law and policy
- Review of major World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and regulations relating to competition
- Relation between competition law and policy, export development, diversification and economic growth
- International regulation of IPRs
- Technology transfer, diffusion and foreign investors' choice of entry mode
- Terms of negotiation for foreign investment in technology in the context of international and WTO regulations

Applicants' profile
- Mid to senior level government officials who have at least 3 years of working experience, preferably in export promotion and foreign direct investment
Dispute Resolution Systems: Policies, Structures and Strategies

Scheduled Dates
4 - 12 December 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
23 October 2014

Objectives
The course provides an overview of dispute resolution mechanisms and institutions in Singapore (with a particular focus on mediation). It will allow participants to better understand the set-up of government and private service providers of mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services. The course also provides training to equip participants with skills to assist in designing dispute resolution systems for their own countries.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Different mechanisms in the dispute resolution spectrum
- Fundamentals of interest-based dispute resolution
- Concepts, strategies and skills for effective management of disputes through mediation
- Customisation and implementation of mediation and other ADR programmes
- Suitability checklist for dispute resolution processes

Applicants' profile
- Senior level government officials (Directors and above) involved in strategic planning, policy-making and dispute management
International Law

Scheduled Dates
23 - 27 March 2015

Closing Date for Nominations
9 February 2015

Objectives

The course provides participants with a better awareness, knowledge and understanding of International Law. It explores the structure of international legal systems and the basic principles underlying legal relations between states and other actors in the international arena. The course also introduces the functions and responsibilities of international organisations that help maintain international peace and security.

Synopsis

The topics include:

- Introduction to International Law
- Basic principles of International Law and its processes
- Role of International Law in promoting cooperation and resolving conflicts
- International Courts and Tribunals
- Introduction to international organisations, such as the United Nations and World Trade Organization

Applicants’ profile

- Mid to senior level government officials from various ministries (Foreign Affairs, Law, Environment, etc.) as well as judges, magistrates and prosecutors
Port Management

Singapore has benefitted from its strategic location along major shipping routes to become a maritime and marine transport hub. We have augmented this geographical advantage with good port management systems and supporting infrastructure such as telecommunications and financial services. We will share some of our port management policies and best practices with SCP participants.
Port Management and Operations Course

Scheduled Dates
26 January - 6 February 2015

Closing Date for Nominations
15 December 2014

Objectives
This course provides participants with an insight into Singapore’s experience in managing ports. It will focus on the planning, organising and use of resources to ensure the highest service levels for port users.

Synopsis
The topics include:

- Introduction to Singapore’s ports
- Role and functions of ports
- Administration of marine functions
- Navigation and traffic control
- Planning & operations - conventional cargo terminal
- Transit shed and warehouse operations
- Freight station operations
- Container ship and yard operations
- Ship stowage planning
- Quay transfer operations
- Measures of port productivity
- Dangerous goods regulations
- Modern concepts in maritime safety
- Port equipment maintenance
- Pricing of port services
- Human resource development
- Teambuilding and communication

Applicants’ profile

- Middle management officers who possess experience in port operations
Sustainable Development & Climate Change

In land scarce Singapore, prudent land use planning and sustainable development are essential for progress. This cluster of courses under the SCP focuses on sharing Singapore’s experiences in adopting sustainable development solutions and building resilience to tackle climate change and its impact. We hope that the strategies, policies, and practices that Singapore has developed and adopted in climate change will be useful for countries facing similar challenges.
Sustainable Water Resources Management

Scheduled Dates
29 May - 6 June 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
17 April 2014

Objectives
The course provides participants with a better understanding of how Singapore manages its water supply and used water resources in an integrated and sustainable way. Participants will learn about the effective management of drainage, potable water, and used water systems.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Overview of used water management in Singapore
- Integrated urban water resource management
- Managing the catchment and waterways in Singapore
- Water treatment and water supply plant management in Singapore
- Water conservation and legislative and regulatory requirements
- Membrane bioreactor for water reclamation
- Used water network management & maintenance
- Singapore's used water reticulation network system
- Singapore's desalination plant project

Applicants' profile
- Mid to senior level government officials (at least managers/senior engineers and above) with at least 3 years of experience in managing water distribution programmes
Environmental Protection and Management

Scheduled Dates
30 July - 8 August 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
18 June 2014

Objectives
The course aims to present an overview of Singapore’s environmental protection and management strategies to curb air, water, land, and noise pollution. It will cover Singapore’s approaches to achieving Clean Land, Clean Air, Clean Water, and Clean Energy.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Quality management of air and water
- Land-use planning and environmental management
- Anti-pollution legislation
- Principles and strategies for pollution control
- Solid waste collection, treatment and disposal
- Sanitary land-filling
- Reduce, Re-use and Recycle
- Wastewater management: Concepts and policies
- Water reclamation
- Management and control of toxic waste and hazardous substances
- Monitoring of transboundary air pollution
- Vehicular emissions control

Applicants’ profile
- Mid to senior level government officials (Directors/Deputy Directors/Heads of Department) with at least 2 years working experience in policymaking for sustainability and environmental excellence, or related fields
Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

Scheduled Dates
1 - 5 September 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
21 July 2014

Objectives
Participants will gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding climate change and the importance of collective mitigating actions taken on a global scale. Participants will also learn how to handle climate change issues through the development and management of practical and sustainable climate change adaptation strategies.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Singapore’s policies and regulatory frameworks for climate change issues and developments
- Singapore’s environmental journey
- Economic evaluation, costs and benefits of mitigation and adaptation measures
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Science and regional predictions of climate change
- Roles of cities in climate change
- Climate change governance
- Energy solutions for climate change
- Sustainable risk management
- People empowerment against climate change

Applicants’ profile
- Mid to senior level government officials (Directors/Deputy Directors/Heads of Department) with at least 2 years working experience in policymaking for sustainability and environmental excellence, or related fields
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction

Scheduled Dates
29 September - 3 October 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
18 August 2014

Objectives
The course gives participants an insight into Singapore's multi-agency approach to formulating energy and low-emission solutions to climate change. Participants will also be exposed to the possible economic opportunities that can arise from low-carbon projects.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Introduction to clean energy resources and technologies
- Energy security and climate security
- Sustainable and clean energy governance issues
- Singapore's Whole-of-Government approach to energy efficiency
- Carbon emissions and risk management schemes
- Singapore: The Eco-City
- Economic opportunities presented by carbon projects arising from Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) adoption and implementation
- Policies to encourage saving energy at home

Applicants' profile
- Mid to senior level government officials (Directors/Deputy Directors/Heads of Department) with at least 2 years working experience in policymaking for sustainability and environmental excellence, or related fields
Green Climate Finance

Scheduled Dates
24 November - 3 December 2014

Closing Date for Nominations
13 October 2014

Objectives

Climate finance is the process of financing climate change mitigation and adaptation projects on a national, regional or international scale. The course aims to equip participants with comprehensive knowledge of climate financing strategies. It will also stimulate discussion among participants on the possibilities of cooperation between governments and other national, regional and international entities in financing climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, and seek to build the capacities of participants to access and manage these possibilities.

Synopsis

The topics include:
- Fundamentals of green climate finance
- Recent United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Green Climate Fund (GCF) developments
- Global and regional climate financing sources
- Role and scale of public and private finance
- Challenges of National Implementing Entities (NIEs) and National Climate Finance Institutions (NCFIs)
- Efficient and Transparent Spending: Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of climate finance
- Country ownership
- Leveraging of private sector investments
- The role of public policy to catalyse green investments
- Key issues for the future use of innovative public-private climate finance instruments

Applicants' profile

- Mid to senior level government officials who are involved in climate change departments, infrastructure projects planning and investments
Urban Solid Waste Management

Scheduled Dates
2 - 6 February 2015

Closing Date for Nominations
22 December 2014

Objectives
The course aims to provide participants with an overview of the tools and conceptual frameworks related to urban solid waste management.

Synopsis
The topics include:
- Environmental protection and management in Singapore
- Integrated solid waste management system
- Waste minimisation and recycling in Singapore
- Control and management of hazardous substances and toxic wastes
- Legislation and enforcement policies of the National Environment Agency (NEA)
- Public cleansing and environmental sanitation
- Environmental impact assessment
- Investigation of soil and groundwater contamination

Applicants' profile
- Mid to senior level government officials (Directors/Deputy Directors/Heads of Department) with at least 2 years working experience in policymaking for sustainability and environmental excellence, or related fields
Sustainable Urban Development and Integrated Town Planning

Scheduled Dates
16 - 25 March 2015

Closing Date for Nominations
2 February 2015

Objectives
The course aims to share Singapore's urban and town planning policies and systems, as well as mechanisms for development in a modern city state. Participants will learn about Singapore's successful experiences in urban planning and understand how the private residential market can play a supporting role.

Synopsis
The topics include:

- Introduction to Singapore's urban development
- Policy making process and details
- Key principles of integrated land-use planning
- Concept and master plans
- Sustainable town planning programmes and projects
- Financing model and budgetary consideration
- Integration of residential and commercial developments with town centres
- Planning for a City-in-a-Garden

Applicants' profile
- Mid to senior level government officials involved in urban town planning and management, as well as public works programmes