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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions
(Department of Personnel & Training)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 24th June, 2008
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Subject : Postgraduate Scholarships 2008/2009 under the Colombo Plan – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

The undersigned is directed to state that the Colombo Plan Secretariat have invited applications for the two postgraduate Scholarships tenable at the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University or Singapore Management University in the following areas :-

1. Programme for Public Administration and Environment (PPA)

The main objective of the programme for Public Administration is to develop human capital in the public sector of the developing member countries through provision of training programmes in the prioritised areas such as power reduction, leadership, development, economic management, strategic management, food security and environmental issues.

2. Programme for Private Sector Development

The programme for Private Sector Development provides short term training programmes and workshops for the development of the private sector. The focus of the programme is on capacity building of small and medium enterprises. The programme's scope covers the technology transfer, business management and sharing of best practices, WTO and trade issues policy.

3. Drug Advisory Programme

The programme contributes the development of human resources in member countries by enhancing the capabilities of officials, government and non-governmental organisations involved in drug demand and supply reduction. In view of the changing needs of member countries, which are facing different kinds of problems due to illicit drug production trafficking and abuse etc. the Drug Advisory Programme has considered several innovative strategies including faith-based approach to drug demand reduction, establishment of outreach and drop in centres and introduction of life skills to youths. This also mobilises community in its drug demand reduction activities as well as provide advisory services and capacity building to member countries.

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2. The scholarships are open to government officials only. Successful candidates may choose to pursue their study in a wide range of postgraduate courses at the three designated universities, except in medicine and dentistry. The candidate should hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, should be proficient in English and must have a minimum of 5 years work experience in the field. The application of the eligible candidates must be submitted to this Department latest by 18th July, 2008. Since the deadlines of commencement of each course is different, candidates are required to apply in their fields of interest in accordance with the respective deadlines as set down in the project notification by the concerned universities.

3. The scholarship award will cover a return air ticket on economy class from the closest international airport to Singapore Training costs, per diem allowance of S\$430 per month, one time book allowance of US\$135, one time thesis allowance of US\$205, full tuition fees, accommodation fees etc. For detailed information log on to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pension's website (www.persmin.nic.in).


(Trishaljit Sethi)
Director

Tel.No.23092842

1. All the Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India
2. All the State Governments/Union Territories
3. Sr. Tech. Director, NIC(DOPT), North Block, with the request to post the circular alongwith the Circular of Colombo Plan Secretariat, on the Department's website.



THE COLOMBO PLAN

for Co-operative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific

5 June 2008

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Ministry of Finance
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Dear Madam,

Postgraduate Scholarships 2008/2009 under The Colombo Plan – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

The Colombo Plan Secretariat (CPS) is pleased to inform our member countries that together with The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore, we are offering two postgraduate scholarships tenable at The National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or Singapore Management University (SMU).

2. The scholarships are open to government officials only. Successful candidates may choose to pursue their study in a wide range of postgraduate courses at the three designated universities, except in medicine and dentistry. In addition, postgraduate programs by research are also not included in this offer.

3. For your further information, we attach, herewith, a copy of the program notification consisting details of scholarships award, criteria for selection process and administrative matters. Please note that although the CPS may recommend the candidates, the final selection will be made by the respective universities. Details of the postgraduate programs can be obtained from the universities' websites (NUS : www.nus.edu.sg, NTU : www.ntu.edu.sg, SMU : www.smu.edu.sg). The program notification and application forms are available on our website www.colombo-plan.org

4. We, therefore, seek your kind assistance to circulate this offer to relevant ministries and departments in your country. Due to differing deadlines, candidates are strongly encouraged to apply in their fields of interest in accordance to the respective deadlines as set down in the Project Notification.

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28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka. Tel: (94 11) 2381831 (Auto), 2564448. Fax: (94 11) 2564531.
e-mail: info@colombo-plan.org Website: www.colombo-plan.org

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9/11/2008

7/2/08
19/4/08

This is for
you.
Sushmita
12/6

DS (Ms Mameha)

18/6
13/6

US (PMU)

SO (for)

20/6

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19/6

20/6

5. In this regard, we regret that late submissions and incomplete application forms would not be considered.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Yoon-Moi CHIA
Secretary-General

Cc: **H.E. Mr. Alok Prasad**
High Commissioner
High Commissioner of India
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Colombo 3.



COLOMBO PLAN SECRETARIAT



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SINGAPORE**

**The Colombo Plan - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Postgraduate Scholarships, 2008/2009**

sponsored by

the Colombo Plan Secretariat

and

**Technical Cooperation Directorate of
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore**

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Colombo Plan

The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific is a unique inter-governmental organization providing development assistance under the "Planning for Prosperity" motto and the concept of self-help where member countries provide assistance to one another in socio-economic development.

The Colombo Plan was conceived at the Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs held in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in January 1950 and was established on 1 July 1951 as a cooperative venture for economic and social advancement of the people of South and Southeast Asia. It has grown from the founding group of seven Commonwealth nations - Australia, Britain, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand and Pakistan - to twenty five including non-Commonwealth and countries belonging to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Current Colombo Plan member countries are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

In December 1977 the Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia was changed to **The Colombo Plan for Co-operative Economic and Social Development** in Asia and the Pacific, to reflect the expanded geographical composition of its enhanced membership and the scope of its activities. The primary focus of all Colombo Plan activities is human resources development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Over the years, the programme content of the Colombo Plan has been adjusted to respond to the needs of member countries in a fast changing economic environment. In the early years, the training programmes were more of a long-term nature whilst the current programmes are established to provide advance skills and experience sharing, aimed at arriving at the best practices in different fields of economic and social activities for effective policy making and governance.

Funding:

A significant characteristic of the Colombo Plan is that the administrative costs of the Council and the Secretariat are borne equally by all member countries and all member countries have an equal status in Colombo Plan's functions and activities. However, programme activities are funded by voluntary contributions by member countries as development partners. In addition, non-member countries, other international and regional organisations and other donor agencies are also sourced for funding.

Current Programmes:

In 1995, Colombo Plan revitalized its programmes to emphasize on short-term training courses in priority areas and promoting South-South cooperation. The current programmes of the Colombo Plan are in the areas of Public Administration and Environment including post-graduate long-term scholarships, Private Sector Development and Drug Demand Prevention in member countries. In this regard, Colombo Plan has established three programmes for capacity building, namely, Drug Advisory Programme, Programme for Public Administration and Programme for Private Sector Development.

Programme for Public Administration & Environment (PPA & Env.):

The main objective of the Programme for Public Administration is to develop human capital in the public sector of the developing member countries (DMCs) through provision of training programmes in prioritized areas such as poverty reduction, leadership development, economic management, strategic management, food security and environmental issues.

The PPA has established good partnerships with centres of excellence in the member countries as well as with inter-governmental organisations to deliver training programmes in critical issues of development to the middle and senior level public officials from DMCs, many of whom hold key positions in both public and private sectors in their respective countries.

The Long -Term Scholarship Programme (LTSP) which was a hallmark of the Colombo Plan during its early years continued until 1989. Due to the needs of member countries, it was offered again in 2005 to provide opportunities for suitable candidates to pursue Master Degrees in prestigious universities in Korea, Malaysia and Thailand in a wide variety of subjects. In 2008, Singapore joined the other three countries to offer two (2) postgraduate scholarships at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or the Singapore Management University (SMU) in a wide variety of fields except Medicine and Dentistry.

Programme for Private Sector Development (PPSD)

The Programme for Private Sector Development (PPSD) established in 1995, provides short term training programmes and workshops for the development of the private sector. The focus of PPSD is on capacity building of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which in many economies drive the economic growth and create employment opportunities for a large segment of the labour force. The Programme's scope covers technology transfer, business management and sharing of best practices, World Trade Organization and trade issues and industrialization policy.

The PPSD has an important role to promote a business friendly environment through building up of capacity of those relevant government officers who are responsible to put in place supporting institutions, laws and policies as well as regulations which affect the private sector.

To obtain the best outcomes for these programmes, PPSD collaborates with member governments and their centres of excellence to implement the programmes. Our current partner agencies are Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), National Productivity Centre, CMC Ltd under the Indian Millennium Fund. Since inception in 1995, Korea is the main donor for PPSD programmes.

Drug Advisory Programme (DAP)

The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme, established in 1973, was the first Asia-Pacific regional programme to address the drug problem. From its inception, DAP has been contributing to the development of human resources in member countries by enhancing the capabilities of officials in government and non-governmental organizations involved in drug demand and supply reduction.

Responding to the changing needs of member countries, which are facing multi-faceted problems due to illicit drug production, trafficking and abuse, the DAP has embarked on several innovative strategies

Including faith-based approach to drug demand reduction, establishment of outreach and drop in centres and introduction of life skills to youths. DAP also mobilizes community in its drug demand reduction activities as well as provide advisory services and capacity building to member countries. In front-line countries like Afghanistan and Pakistan, 4 outreach and drop in centres were established in 2005 which continue to be supported by CPDAP. In the special programme for Afghanistan, 5 treatment centres and transit shelter for women were set up in June 2007. DAP is operating the only Treatment Centre for women in Kabul, Afghanistan in support of the Colombo Plan Drug Demand Reduction Teams started in April 2008.

The 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 training provided by other countries and international organizations. Through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), Singapore can contribute to the development of other developing countries.

In 1992, the SCP was established, bringing together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes have been increased to meet the needs of developing countries. Since, 1982, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for well over 20,000 officials from some 147 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate (TCD) of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Postgraduate Areas of Study

Except in Medicine and Dentistry, candidates may pursue their studies in areas of interest offered by the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or the Singapore Management University (SMU), such as in the following:

- Economics
- Business
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Communication & Information
- Computer Engineering
- Law
- Public Policy
- Public Administration
- Public Management
- International Studies

Postgraduate Courses Available for 2008 and Deadlines

Several courses for Academic year 2008/2009 at the Singapore Management University are open for applications as given below.

Course	University	Deadline
Master of IT in Business (Financial Services)	Singapore Management University	12 July 2008
Master of Professional Accounting	Singapore Management University	26 August 2008
Master of Business Administration	Singapore Management University	21 July 2008

Language

The postgraduate programmes are taught in English.

Duration

The programmes are all one year on a full time basis.

Invited Countries

Colombo Plan Developing Member countries.

Admission Criteria

- applicants must be nominated by the Colombo Plan National Focal Point of their respective Governments,
- minimum of five years work experience,
- completed a bachelor's degree or its equivalent; and
- meet English language requirement

English Language Requirements

Applicants must prove their proficiency in English by submitting TOEFL (minimum 570) or IELTS— (minimum 6.0) scores with the application. Those who pursued their first degree at an English medium university are exempted from this requirement.

Scholarship

The scholarship award will cover:

- a return air ticket on economy class from the closest international airport to Singapore
- Training costs
- per diem allowance of S\$420 per month
- onetime book allowance of US\$135
- one-time thesis allowance of US\$205
- full tuition fees
- accomodation fees

Accommodation

Hostel accommodation, as recommended by the respective universities.

Visa

Selected candidate can enter Singapore on a holiday/social visa. Once in Singapore, a liasion officer will assist with the Student Visa.

Airport Transfer

A liason officer will assist in airport pickup to university hostel.

Attire

Please adhere to the dress code as spelt out by the respective universities.

Member Country Nominations

The duly completed two copies of the nomination form should be sent to the Colombo Plan Secretariat, through the National Focal Point no later than the dates set down in the Project Notification to the following address:

The Secretary-General
Colombo Plan Secretariat
13th Floor, BoC Merchant Tower
28, St. Michael's Road
Colombo 3
Sri Lanka

Tel: 94 11 2564448/2381831 ext: 13 Mr. Khairul Dzaimie Daud: Director of
Fax: 94 11 2564531 Programme for Public Administration
E-mail: info@colombo-plan.org

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of participants will be done by the Colombo Plan Secretariat (CPS) and the Universities. Successful candidates will be notified through their respective national focal points letters and email.



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SINGAPORE

Passport
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**COLOMBO PLAN - MFA SINGAPORE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
2008/2009**

APPLICATION FORM

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS :

- Each question must be answered (type or print in block letters) clearly and completely.
- Duly completed application forms should be forwarded to the Colombo Plan Secretariat by the Colombo Plan National Focal Point.
- Incomplete and/or unendorsed applications will not be considered.

COURSE APPLIED FOR:

NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY:

DURATION :

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name as given in the passport (Underline the surname / last name):

Date of Birth / /	Place of Birth	No. of Children	Sex Male/ Female	Marital Status Single/ Married
Passport Number:	Nationality:		Religion:	
Date of Expiry:				Tel. Number:
Home Address :				

2. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Designation		Date of appointment to the present position / /	
Office Address		Telephone Number	
		Fax Number	
		E-mail Address	
Name of Employer			
Employer's Address		Fax/ E-mail	Telephone Number

3. EMPLOYMENT RECORD (please show most recent posts first)

Titles of Posts held	Dates of Service	Name and Address of Employer	Type of Organisation	Job title and brief description of your duties indicating any personal responsibility
Present Post				
Previous Post				
Previous Post				

4. EDUCATION RECORD

Educational Institution	Location	Years Attended		Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates received	Subjects or Special fields of study
		From	To		

5. PUBLICATIONS / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Please list your publications or research experience if any.

6. ADMISSION ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay that outlines your personal and career goals, your desire to do graduate studies and commitment to attend the
 It should also indicate your reasons for applying for this course. This essay should be **typewritten** and **not more than one page** long.

7. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Test	Date Taken	Score / Grade
TOEFL		
IELTS		
Other (Please specify)		

(Please attach a copy of the certificate).

(b) Mother tongue: _____

8. REFEREES

First Referee

Name: _____
 Post: _____
 Address: _____

Second Referee

Name: _____
 Post: _____
 Address: _____

<p>9. Name and Address of a Relative or Friend in Malaysia (if any)</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p>	<p>Name and Address of person to be notified in an emergency</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p>
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I hereby apply for admission to the If admitted I agree to abide by its rules and regulations. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made by me above are true and correct.

Date: _____

 Signature

9. **OFFICIAL DECLARATION (to be completed by the Colombo Plan National Focal Point)**

The Government of:

nominates

(name of applicant)

For theand certifies that all information supplied by the nominee is complete and correct.

Remarks:

(Name)

(Signature of responsible Government Official)

(Designation)

Address of Department/ Ministry:

Official Seal/ Stamp:

Office Telephone number: _____

Office Fax number: _____

E mail: _____

Date:

11. Urinary System:

- a. Specific Gravity
- b. Sugar
- c. Albumin
- d. Deposits
- e. Miscellaneous

12. Is the candidate at present:

- a. Undergoing a treatment
- b. Receiving medical attention
- c. Requiring medical attention: If so please give details

I certify that the above candidate is medically fit to undertake a course in Malaysia.

Signature of Physician: Date:
Name:
Address:
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13. Certification from Nominating Agency:

I certify that the candidate has been medically examined by a qualified and registered medical practitioner.

Signature:
Name:
Rank/ Title:
Agency:

Seal of Nominating Agency:

Note: In completing this form, particular attention should be paid to the following points:

- a. X-ray of chest to rule out any tuberculosis or chronic pulmonary disease, where the film is entirely normal
- b. Kidneys – no evidence of renal lesion should be present.
- c. Eyesight – Severe errors of refraction should not be passed as these should only give trouble during the years of training.
- d. Hearing – deafness should be considered of definite bar.

To: COLOMBO PLAN SECRETARIAT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE

Dear Sir

LETTER OF INDEMNITY

In consideration of your allowing me to do my training with the relevant Government departments/ statutory boards/ institutions in Singapore, I _____ Passport Number _____ of _____ hereby declare that I shall be personally liable for and shall indemnify the Colombo Plan Secretariat and the Government of Singapore and the against all liabilities, claims, losses, demands, actions, suits, proceedings, costs or expenses whatsoever arising under any statute or at common law which may be made or taken against the the Colombo Plan Secretariat and the Government of Singapore or incurred or become payable by the Colombo Plan Secretariat and the Government of Singapore in respect of any medical illness, personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to or the death of any person on in respect of any injury or damage whatsoever to any property, real or personal arising out of or in the course of or by reason of my carelessness or negligence, omission or default during my training with the relevant Government departments/ statutory boards/ institutions in Singapore.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 200...

Signed by

(Signature of trainee)

(Name of trainee)

in the presence of

(Signature of witness)

(Name & designation of witness)