SINGAPORE-UNITED STATES THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

PARTIAL LIST OF TOPICS

• Cybersecurity
• World Trade Organization trade facilitation agreement implementation
• Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Emergency (CBRNE) response
• Developing the digital economy for Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME)
• Disease outbreak response
• Cybercrime
• Startup companies in a digital economy
• Religion and peacebuilding
• Public procurement best practices
• Developing training regimes for public procurement officials
• ASEAN trade and intellectual property rights
• Cybercrime and intellectual property rights
• E-Commerce and telecommunications
• Health benefits of taking action on climate change
• Intellectual property rights customs enforcement
• Water efficiency
• Roads management
• Competition, securities, and investment
• Counterfeit and substandard medications
• Water, air, and waste management
• Antibiotic microbial resistance
• Promoting an ASEAN digital market

Established in February 2012, the Singapore-United States Third Country Training Program (TCTP) is a partnership between the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. 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 addressing a range of economic, political, and social capacity building needs. Singapore and the United States draw on complementary expertise and experience to develop innovative capacity building programs that meet the priority needs of Southeast Asian countries.

Building Capacity through Connections

Each five-day TCTP workshop is co-facilitated by teams of subject matter expert trainers from Singapore and the United States, with courses adhering to three broad areas of training: (1) Connectivity; (2) Sustainable Development; and (3) Regional Resilience. Participants comprise relevant government officials from Burma, Brunei, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Laos, and, as of 2017, Timor-Leste. Beyond developing greater expertise on the topic, participants work together on exercises, presentations, and attend site visits. Through the program, participants reinforce personal connections with their counterparts from other Southeast Asian nations, building professional networks across national boundaries.

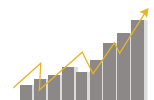## BY THE NUMBERS

>1,200
government officials trained since 2012

11
Southeast Asian countries participating

>40
implementing partners

47
workshops conducted as of 2018