

## ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)

Established in 1980, MTCP provides technical assistance to participating developing countries. The programme consolidates various forms of technical cooperation in areas where Malaysia has experience and expertise.

More than 100 short-term specialized courses are offered by more than 50 MTCP training institutions, many of which are centers of excellence for training. Since its launch, more than 20,000 participants from 140 countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

The objectives of MTCP are to

- share development experience with other countries
- strengthen bilateral relations between Malaysia and other developing countries
- promote South-South Cooperation (SSC) and technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC)

Types of Assistance

- Short-term specialized courses
- Long-term courses (scholarships)
- Study visits and attachments
- Services of experts
- Socio-economic development projects
- Supply of equipment and materials

For more information on MTCP and general conditions of the award please visit

<http://mtcp.kln.gov.my/application/application-procedures>

## ABOUT UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH (UNU-IIGH)

UNU-IIGH was established in 2007 based on an agreement between United Nations University and the Government of Malaysia. The mission of the UNU-IIGH is to undertake research, capacity development and dissemination of knowledge related to key issues of human health. UNU-IIGH programmes focus on three broad themes:

- Environment and Health
- Governance for Global Health
- Universal Health Coverage

More information on UNU-IIGH is available from:

<http://iigh.unu.edu/>

### APPLICATION

Applications should be made using the prescribed forms and supported by a medical report. Please see [http://mtcp.kln.gov.my/download/cat\\_view/63-application-forms](http://mtcp.kln.gov.my/download/cat_view/63-application-forms). Applications must be endorsed and submitted by the participating countries through the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs/focal points.

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*Short course on*

## *Urbanization and Health: Systems Approaches*

*Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*



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# Urbanization and Health: Systems Approaches

## ABOUT THE COURSE

This 5-day course will improve participants' understanding of relationships between urbanization and human health. Following an introduction to systems thinking, participants will use case study examples to explore major urban development and health challenges. Participants will then have an opportunity to share, examine and reflect on urban health problems they currently face in their own fields of practice.

The course will include a one-day field excursion to learn about mass transit in a local context.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants should

- Be aware of major factors influencing health and wellbeing in urban environments and the cross-linkages among them
- Understand how systems approaches can help address policy resistance and identify potential intervention points while being alert for unintended consequences
- Be able to apply new knowledge to their own urban management problems

## VENUE

The course will take place in the UNU-IIGH Building at the UKM Medical Centre in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

## WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE

This course is for professionals working in the broad urban sphere in low- and middle-income countries. It aims to include a diverse range of expertise – urban planning, design, engineering, public health, health promotion – from policy and practice to academic and community perspectives.

To derive maximum benefit, candidates should have a good working knowledge of English, basic computer literacy and some practical experience of working on urban problems.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

This 5-day course is scheduled for 2-6 June 2014. The closing date for application is 31 March 2014. Places are limited, so please apply early.

## KEY TOPICS

- Overview of urban health – from local to global
- An introduction to systems thinking
- Case studies
  - Transportation, energy, pollution, health
  - Infectious diseases in urban environments
  - Urban mental health and wellbeing
- Engaging stakeholders
- Responding to urban health problems

## TRAINING METHODOLOGIES

Lectures, case studies, interactive discussion, small group exercises, guided computer exploration, field excursion.

## COURSE COSTS

Because of generous financial support from MTCP, there is no course fee and accommodation and meals are provided. Depending on the country of origin, participants may also be provided with a return economy airfare.

## FACILITATORS

The course will be led by experts from UNU and the Institute for Environment and Development, National University Malaysia (LESTARI, UKM). As urban and health professionals from a broad range of countries, participants will also benefit from each other's insights and expertise.

## ADVANCE REQUIREMENT

All participants need to submit an abstract of about 250 words describing an urban problem they are currently addressing.

