

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was initiated at the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) for Asia Pacific Region in Sydney in February 1978. It was officially launched on 7 September 1980 at the 2nd CHOGRM in New Delhi, India, to signify Malaysia's commitment to South-South Cooperation, in particular Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, Malaysia through the MTCP shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries. The MTCP was first formulated based on the belief that the development of a country depends on the quality of its human resources. The programme forms part of the commitment of the Malaysian Government towards the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries, strengthening of regional and sub-regional cooperation, as well as nurturing collective self-reliance among developing countries.

Annually, the MTCP through its collaboration with registered Training Institutions (TIs), conducts more than 50 programmes based on the identified ten (10) key areas of expertise such as agriculture, economy, finance and trade, education, environment, industrial technical training, diplomacy, public management and administration, professional services, social development, and science, technology and ICT management. Since its inception in 1980, more than 33,000 participants from 144 MTCP recipient countries have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

Objectives of MTCP:

- To share development experience with other countries;
 - To strengthen bilateral relations between Malaysia and other developing countries;
 - To promote South-South Cooperation (SSC);
 - To promote technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC).
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Type of Assistance:

- Short-term courses (between 1-3 weeks)
- Long-term courses (Scholarships)
- Dispatch of experts / Advisory Services
- Technical Assistance