TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The course is open to participants from:

- Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Science, Environment and other relevant ministries)
- Government Officials and Policymakers
- Scientists and Researchers
- Middle and Senior Level Diplomats
- Universities and Research Institutions

APPLICATION AND ENQUIRIES

Only complete applications submitted through the MTCP website at **https://mtcp.kln.gov.my/courses2/list2** will be considered. Select the course name and **click "Apply Course"** to generate a new application form.

Applicants are required to **complete the online application form,** upload a passport-sized photo, and provide a self-introduction video. A draft link will be sent via email and must be accessed using a One-Time Password (OTP) and submitted **within seven (7) days.** The manual for the application process is available on the MTCP Website.

All application forms must be duly completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of candidates' respective countries and should be submitted only through the diplomatic channel via the Malaysian Embassy or High Commission of Malaysia.

Successful candidates will be duly notified by UCSI one (1) month before the commencement of the course.

Incomplete and/or unendorsed forms will not be considered.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

14 MAY 2026

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, participants will be able to understand and apply the principles of science diplomacy to address global sustainability challenges, accelerate progress towards sustainable development, strengthen South-South and technical cooperation and contribute to science-informed policymaking. They will gain skills to navigate the science-policy nexus, engage in international collaboration and leverage scientific knowledge to advance national and regional development priorities. Participants will also appreciate Malaysia's role through the MTCP and UCSI-IISDS in fostering capacity building and promoting science diplomacy in the Global South.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

The course will employ a combination of methodologies to ensure comprehensive learning:

- Classroom lectures and expert presentations
- Group discussions and interactive sessions
- Individual and group exercises
- Case studies
- Study visit

COURSE OUTLINE

Topic 1: Introduction to Science Diplomacy
Topic 2: Role of Science in Foreign Policy
Topic 3: International Scientific Cooperation
Topic 4: Science and Sustainable Development Goals
Topic 5: Climate Change Negotiations
Topic 6: Biodiversity and Environmental Diplomacy
Topic 7: Planetary Health Diplomacy
Topic 8: Technology Transfer and Innovation
Topic 9: Science Communication for Diplomats
Topic 10: Strategic Leadership in Science Diplomacy
Topic 11: South-South Cooperation

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Dates:
22 June – 3 July 2026
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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FELLOWSHIP / SCHOLARSHIP

Under the MTCP programmes, the Government of Malaysia will be providing:

Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated at a hotel or alternative accommodation within the vicinity of the training institute. Participants are **strictly not allowed** to bring any family members under the award of MTCP programmes.

Daily Allowance

Participants will be provided with a daily allowance.

Meals

Meals will be provided throughout the duration of the course.

Air Fares

A return economy class flight ticket from the capital city of the recipient country to Kuala Lumpur is provided for participants.

Course Fees

All course fees are borne by the Government of Malaysia.

Dress Code

Participants are required to dress in formal or office attire throughout the class sessions as well as during official visits to government ministries and agencies.

VISA AND VACCINATION

- For **countries that require a visa** to enter Malaysia, you must **apply for eVISA** before departing.
  - Upload the necessary travel documents through the system.
  - Ensure that all documents are scanned clearly for the smooth process of approval.
  - eVISA fees and related costs are to be borne by the participants.
  - Link to eVISA: **https://malaysiavisa.imi.gov.my/evisa/evisa.jsp**
  - Bring along the eVISA and all the necessary travel documents for the arrival in Malaysia.
- For **countries that do not require a visa** to enter Malaysia, may enter with **Social Visit Pass**.
- Participants from countries listed in **https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country/** are required to take mandatory vaccination for Yellow Fever at least **ten (10) days** prior to their departure to Malaysia. Yellow Fever Vaccination certificate is required upon landing in Malaysia.

MTCP BACKGROUND

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was initiated at the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) for Asia Pacific Region held in Sydney in Feb 1978. It was officially launched on 7 Sep 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).

The MTCP is conducted through the sharing of Malaysia's development experiences and by providing training and technical advice in key areas that are important for the development of a country. Since its conception, technical and capacity-building programmes under the MTCP have benefited more than 40,000 participants from participating countries.

For more information at MTCP Official Portal:
https://mtcp.kln.gov.my/
and MTCP Official Facebook Page:
https://www.facebook.com/MTCPMalaysia

OBJECTIVES OF MTCP

- **To share experience with other developing countries**
- **To strengthen bilateral ties with developing countries**
- **To encourage and promote South-South Cooperation**
- **To encourage and promote technical cooperation within developing countries.**

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The training programme will be convened by:

UCSI UNIVERSITY-INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AND SUSTAINABILITY (UCSI-IISDS)

The UCSI-IISDS was established in 2022 at UCSI University with the aim to become a leader in science diplomacy and sustainability. Its strategic mission is to produce a group of talented professionals, youths, diplomats and policymakers. with the right talents and scientific knowledge needed to strengthen the science-policy nexus to holistically address the sustainability issues for the betterment of Malaysia, ASEAN and the global community.

WHAT IS SCIENCE DIPLOMACY?

Science diplomacy leverages scientific collaboration to strengthen international relations, tackle global challenges and foster peace by transcending political divides through shared knowledge while advancing sustainable development. It operates through three key approaches: (1) Using science to build diplomatic ties (e.g., The US-Soviet scientific cooperation during the Cold War; (2) Employing diplomacy to enable scientific cooperation (e.g., the Antarctic Treaty, CERN, Paris Agreement, or BBNJ Agreement on ocean biodiversity); and (3) Integrating science into policy (e.g., evidence-based strategies underpinning the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework or ongoing global plastics treaty negotiations). By promoting trust and multilateral problem-solving, science diplomacy addresses global challenges on sustainability and pressing issues - from climate change and pandemics to AI governance and ecosystem protection. This in parallel accelerates progress towards sustainable development.