

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: - “ADVANCED REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE IN SERVICES FOR WTO MEMBER AND OBSERVERS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC” TRAINING COURSE, FEBRUARY 8-11, 2011 TO BE CONDUCTED IN SINGAPORE UNDER THE SINGAPORE - WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME.**

The undersigned is directed to say that the Government of Singapore has invited two nominations for the above fully funded training course. All expenses for the training program including air ticket, accommodation etc. will be borne by the Korean Government. The application form may be downloaded by clicking the link Foreign Trainings under highlights section of EAD's web site: [www.ead.gov.pk/information & services](http://www.ead.gov.pk/information & services).

2. The eligibility criteria and objectives of the subject course are as under:

**Eligibility Criteria**

The applicants should be:

- Each invited member and observer economy will be represented by one (1) capital-based official from the trade or other relevant Ministry/Department with responsibility for matters relating to policy-making and negotiations on trade in services. As this is an advanced course, participants should have sufficient knowledge of trade in services in order to be benefit from the workshop.
- Participants should possess a firm understanding of the GATS, as evidenced by the WTO, as evidenced by their successful completion of the WTO e-training module on the GATS or equivalent (e.g. relevant experience on services negotiations, WTO regional trade policy course). Participants will also be required to read certain material sent by WTO Secretariat officials before the start of the workshop.

Applicants applying for sponsorship under the Singapore Cooperation Programme should also be:

- Middle to nominated by their respective Governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English
- Below 50 years of age.
- In good health

**Objectives**


- The in-depth treatment of policy and regulatory issues in services trade and in this context, of the relevance of the GATS and its provisions in governing the scheduling of commitments;
- Emerging WTO jurisprudence with respect to the GATS
- The state of play in the negotiations, including in rule-making areas such as domestic regulation;

- Features and content of regional and other preferential agreements on services trade, and their treatment under the GATS.

B. Nomination of suitable candidates fulfilling the laid-down eligibility criteria prescribed by the sponsoring agency duly approved by the competent authority alongwith following documents may be forwarded to this Division by **08 December, 2010**, positively.

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| 1. | Application form (duly filled in) | four copies     |
| 2. | Proforma for Foreign Training     | One copy        |
| 3. | Surety Bonds/Undertaking.         | One copy (each) |

4. Incomplete/late submission of documents/nomination will not be entertained. Moreover, any deliberate provision of wrong information on the part of the candidate shall be viewed seriously.

  
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4. Additional Chief Secretary, P&D Deptt. Govt. of NWFP, Peshawar
5. Chief Secretary, Govt. of AJK, Muzaffarabad.
6. Chief Secretary, Northern Areas, Gilgit