

Environment including post-graduate long-term scholarships, Private Sector Development and Drug Demand Prevention in member countries. In this regard, Colombo Plan has established three programmes for capacity building, namely, Drug Advisory Programme, Programme for Public Administration & Environment and Programme for Private Sector Development.

Programme for Public Administration & Environment (PPA & Env.)

Programme for Public Administration and Environment (PPA) was established in 1995, following the revitalization of the Colombo Plan's structure and areas of focus. The primary objective of this program is to develop human capital in public sector of the developing member countries (DMCs), through long term and short term training programmes in prioritized areas such as project planning, IT management, economic planning, crisis management, education, public governance, gene based techniques and environmental issues such as air pollution management, Integrated environmental planning.

The PPA conducts training programmes for middle and senior level government officials of developing and under developed CPS member countries, through joint collaboration with partners like Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) and Technical Assistance Directorate of Singapore. The PPA has established good partnerships with centres of excellence in its member countries as well as with inter-governmental organisations to deliver training programmes in critical issues of development. From 1995 up to date, 1,458 government officials from CPS member countries have participated in PPA's training programmes.

Programme for Private Sector Development (PPSD)

The Programme for Private Sector Development (PPSD), established in 1995 provides short-term training programmes and workshops for the development of the private sector. The focus of PPCSD is on capacity building of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which in many economies drive economic growth and create employment opportunities for a large segment of the labour force. The Programme's scope covers technology transfer, SME development, business management and sharing of best practices, World Trade Organization, productivity and trade issues and industrialization policy. PPCSD also plays an important role in promoting a business friendly environment through building up of capacity of those relevant government officers who are responsible to put in place supporting institutions, laws and policies as well as regulations, which affect the private sector.

To obtain the best outcomes for these programmes, PPCSD collaborates with member governments and their centres of excellence to implement the programmes. Our current partner agencies are Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Malaysia Productivity Centre (MPC), and CMC Ltd under the Indian Millennium Fund, Asia Productivity Organization (APO) and Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP). Since inception in 1995, Korea has been contributing to the PPCSD programmes.

Long-term Scholarship Programme (LTSP)

The Long-term Scholarship Programme (LTSP) was a hallmark of the Colombo Plan during its early years until 1989. Due to the needs of member countries, it was offered again in 2005 to provide opportunities for suitable candidates from member countries to pursue their Master Degrees in prestigious universities in Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. Since 1995 until current date, 89 scholars from 16 CPS member countries have benefited from this programme.

Drug Advisory Programme (DAP)

The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme, established in 1973, was the first in the Asia Pacific regional programme to address the drug problem. From its inception, DAP has been contributing to the development of human resources in member countries by enhancing the capabilities of officials in government and non-governmental organizations involved in drug demand and supply reduction. DAP has played an instrumental role in the establishment of national drug focal agency in member countries.

Responding to the changing needs of member countries, which are facing multi-faceted problems due to illicit drug production, trafficking and abuse, the DAP has embarked on several innovative strategies including faith-based approach to drug demand reduction, establishment of outreach and drop in centres and introduction of life skills to youths. DAP also mobilizes community in its drug demand reduction activities as well as provide advisory services and capacity building to member countries. In front line countries like Afghanistan and Pakistan, four (4) Outreach and Drop-In Centers (ODIC) were established in 2005 which continue to be supported by CPDAP. Two (2) other ODICs are in the Philippines. In the special programme for Afghanistan, in cooperation with the Ministry of Counter Narcotics and the Ministry of Public Health 16 treatment centers and transit shelter for women were set up in June 2007. DAP is operating two (2) Treatment Centers for women in Kabul and Balkh, Afghanistan. In February 2009, DAP established a training center, Asian Center for Certification and Education of Addiction Professionals (ACCE). ACCE will offer two levels of credentials to the addiction professionals in Asia: National Certification Examination for Addiction Counselors levels 1 & 2. ACCE will register the first batch of participants for NCAC Level 1 in July 2009.

UNIVERSITY PUTRA MALAYSIA (UPM)

University Putra Malaysia started its first academic session in July 1973 with three central faculties namely The Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Forestry and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. Besides the three faculties, there was a basic science division. In early 80s, UPM expanded its area of studies to the field of Science and Technology. Since then, UPM has gradually grown and developed to become a multidisciplinary university, which among its field of study are Tropical Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine and Health Science, Economic and Management and Environmental studies. Currently, the university has 16 faculties, 2 schools, 9 institutes, 8 centres and an academy to accommodate various study programmes and research activities.

The university strives to produce quality graduates who are competitive and resilient. Besides that, UPM aims to become a leading centre of learning and research, contributing towards not only human advancement and discovery of knowledge but also to the creation of wealth and nation building. With more than 1,900 academic staff dedicated to teaching and research, UPM is confident of achieving its objective. Recently, the university has been recognized as one of the research universities in Malaysia by the Ministry of Higher Learning.

Strategically located in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur, UPM offers excellent facilities and conducive learning environment for its students. An extensive network of support services, social activities, recreational and sports facilities, international students support, state of the arts ICT infrastructure and interesting key sites are available in its campus. More information about the university can be obtained from its website at www.upm.edu.my.

THE CPS – UPM COLLABORATION PROGRAMME

Ten (10) LTSP will be offered for each year. Recipients of the CPS – UPM LTSP will pursue their **Master Degree** at the School of Graduate Studies of the university, in the fields as attached in Appendix 1.

The CPS and UPM will jointly bear all expenses connected with the implementation of this collaboration programme. Funding from The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) may also be sourced. Details of the sponsorship are as below:

<u>MTCP / UPM Contribution</u>	<u>CPS Contribution</u>
1. Tuition & examination fees	1. Return economy air fare (inclusive of all other tariffs)
2. Recurring fees (annual) – health service fee, student welfare fund.	2. Daily subsistence allowance up to a period of 18 months, based on MTCP rates of RM1,000 per month (about USD\$290++)
3. Non recurring fee – caution fee, registration card and registration fee.	3. Book allowance of USD\$135, payable at the beginning of academic year
4. Lodging at one of the halls of residence for a maximum period of 24 months.	4. Thesis allowance of USD\$205
5. Field visits / trips / paper presentations / conference (if any)	5. Personal bond (refundable) as stipulated by the Malaysian Immigration Authority.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following minimum general requirements.

1. Possess a good bachelor degree or its equivalent, subjected to specific programme requirement;
2. Applicants without sufficient academic qualification but possessing evidence of adequate related work experience of at least 5 years in the public sector, may also be considered;
3. Obtained a minimum score of at least six (6) for IELTS or 550 for TOEFL. This requirement is not applicable to candidates from countries where English is a medium of instruction;
4. Provisional admission may be granted to an applicant who has obtained a score of 500 – 549 for TOEFL, or band 5.55 for IELTS or its equivalent, who upon registration is required to enrol and pass the tertiary English programme conducted by the university; and
5. Nominated by the Colombo Plan National Focal Point of their respective Governments.

LANGUAGE

The Master Degree is taught in English. Participants are required to have a strong command of English, both written and spoken for the purpose of paper work presentations and discussions in the classroom.

DURATION

The UPM's Master Degree programme is conducted on a full - time basis of one full year, starting in **July 2010**.

INVITED COUNTRIES

Colombo Plan Developing Member Countries are kindly invited to nominate their candidates.

ACCOMMODATION

The university will provide accommodation.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will need to obtain a visa from the Malaysia Embassy in their respective countries or other accredited countries before their arrival in Malaysia. Participating

Governments are kindly requested to bear the cost of visa application for their participants. The Colombo Plan will not provide visa fees.

ATTIRE

All students are advised to adhere to the dress code of UPM.

MEMBER COUNTRY'S NOMINATION

Each member country is requested to nominate through the National Focal Point **two candidates** by completing the Application Form, the Medical Certificate and Admission Essay.

Please send the duly completed nomination forms (two sets) to the Colombo Plan Secretariat at the following addresses, **by or before 30 December 2009**.

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For additional information on admission requirement, please visit UPM's School of Graduate Studies website at <http://www.sgs.upm.edu.my> or e-mail: admission@putra.upm.edu.my

Please refrain from sending Application Forms directly to the University.
The deadline for the nominations will be strictly observed.