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C I R C U L A R

Subject: **ONLINE COURSES AT IMF-SINGAPORE REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE(STI)**

Singapore Regional Training Institute(STI) has offered diverse online courses. The online learning will increasingly provide a "blended learning" experience, where participants will complete interactive, online courses in advance of attending the Institute's face-to-face training. Participants will also be able to take online courses as stand-alone learning experiences.

2. These online courses feature recorded video clips of lectures interspersed with interactive quizzes and hands-on exercises. Courses include a discussion forum to allow participants to network and discuss the course content. Weekly assignments are computer-graded and subject to strict deadlines, but participants can work at their own pace during each week of the course.

3. One major advantage of the online program is the ability to offer courses to all interested government officials, free of enrollment limits. At times, these courses will be made open to the general public as massive open online courses (MOOCs). Each catalog listing will indicate the audience. Government officials may choose to register for MOOCs or for courses targeted only to officials.

Selection Process:

Online courses are free of charge and open to all government officials regardless of agency. All who register will be admitted—there are no limits by country or agency. Sponsor contact information is requested in the online application, but formal sponsor approval is not required.

Application:

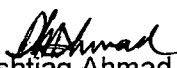
The online application can be accessed at www.imf.org/insapply. Online courses require a reliable internet connection and may also require software such as Excel or EViews (for which a temporary license will be made available). Individual course descriptions will include such requirements as well as the length of the course and the expected workload in hours per week.

Schedule:

The current schedule and a full description of the courses are available at the Institute's website at <http://www.imf.org/institute-online>.

Note for Online Courses:

For Online Learning (OL) courses, which are delivered through the edX platform, you will need an additional piece of information to register: you will be prompted for your edX.org username. If you do not already have a username, please go to <https://courses.edx.org/register> and sign up for a free account. Once you have created an account, you may complete the IMF Institute application. If you already have an edX account, your username can be found on the top right of the screen after logging in.


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