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DGS Training Circular No. 18 of 2024

Subject: Recommendation for enrolling on the English Communication and Soft Skills Online Program (ECSSOP)

In continuation of DGS Circular no. 01 of 2023 dt. 03.01.23, following circular is issued.

Need for ECSSOP

India is one of the leading supplier of trained & certified man-power to global shipping. As we embark on increasing the global share of Indian seafarers, it is of utmost significance that we continue to maintain our standards of training and certification.

There is need to improve proficiency level of English Communication & Soft Skill among Faculty & Inspectors of Indian Maritime Training Institutes. Indian Cadets are employed worldwide and need to understand the subjects in English properly while undergoing maritime courses. Accordingly, if Faculty & Inspectors themselves are properly trained in English Communication, they can provide better training to the Cadets.

Therefore, this directorate has interest in improving the proficiency & communication skills of Faculty & Instructors at MTIs initiated conduct of ECSSOP.

Accordingly, Maritime Training Trust, a Public Charitable Trust which is settled by Director General of Shipping, has implemented ECSSOP in the year 2023 with help of M/s. Tolani Maritime Institute. Neither MTIs nor Faculty/Instructors are charged any fee to attend the said online course. Cost of undergoing ECSSOP is fully borne by Maritime Training Trust.

Therefore, Maritime Training Institutes are requested to nominate the permanent Faculty members and Instructors to the English Communication and Soft Skills Online Program (ECSSOP) to enhance their English proficiency. ECSSOP is designed to cater to the needs of professionals in maritime training as they give the first exposure of language to the cadets. Some of its features are:

Elevate Teaching Standards

ECSSOP is designed to significantly improve the English communication and soft skills of the faculty and instructors of MTIs, ensuring they can deliver content more effectively and engage students in more meaningful ways. This enhancement directly translates to better student outcomes

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and a more robust educational environment. It follows the natural language learning process Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing (LSRW) with focus on communication and soft skills. It gives exposure to language in use through the themes like culture, food, science and technology, geography, environment etc. in addition to the soft skills like team work, leadership, empathy. This is very much in line with the New Education Policy (NEP) being introduced in the country.

Specialized Maritime Focus

The program is tailored specifically for the maritime industry, addressing the unique communication and interpersonal challenges faced by maritime professionals. This specialized focus ensures that the skills learned are directly applicable and immediately beneficial in the daily interactions and teaching practices of the Faculty and Instructors of MTIs.

Flexible and Accessible Learning

Understanding the demanding schedules of maritime professionals, ECSSOP is structured as an online program with flexible learning modules. Initially, evaluation of candidates is done by conducting online proficiency test. Depending on their proficiency level they are assigned to undergo Basic, Intermediate & Advance level of ECSSOP. If their proficiency level does not require any training in ECSSOP they are not suggested to undergo any such course. If their proficiency level require one or two or all 3 levels they are assigned to appropriate levels of course.

For details MTIs may contact M/s Tolani Maritime Institute, Talegoan at info.ecssop@tmi.edu / LL - 02114-669600/01

This course also provides opportunities to the participants to interact and discuss their difficulties with the experts during the interactive sessions of the program. The institutes should encourage the participants to attend these sessions for the effectiveness of the program. This allows the faculty to learn at their own pace without disrupting their professional responsibilities.

The MTIs should consider the time devoted to the program while planning their academic schedules. This will enable the faculty and instructors complete the program in due course of time.

Positive Feedback from the Participants

All the participants who have completed the program have shared positive feedback about their learning experience and have mentioned its usefulness to their teaching practices.

Additional credit points while providing CIP gradings

MTIs participation in the ECSSOP shall be viewed positively during inspection including CIP.

This Directorate may consider extra points while providing CIP gradings to those MTIs who are accredited with more and more no. of successful participation of their Faculty & Inspectors.

Therefore, it is directed that all DG approved Pre-Sea MTIs must participate in the ECSSOP and nominate their Faculty & Instructors to successfully undergo ECSSOP. It is directed that all MTIs should submit quarterly reports, of details of nomination and successful passing out of their Faculty


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& Instructors at ECSSOP, to the Training Branch of DGS within 10 days of completion of the quarter.

This circular is issued with approval of the Competent Authority.


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To,

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3. Nautical Branch
4. All MMDs
5. CEO/MTT
6. Computer Cell - with a request to upload this circular in the DGS web-site