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Enhanced Connectivity to workplace during ICT

1. Currently, NSmen on in-camp training (ICT) can access the Internet through the Internet access facilities at their camps.

2. To help NSmen better balance their military training and work demands during ICT, business centres with wireless Internet access and basic facilities will be set up in selected camps. This is to enable NSmen to access their office network outside of training hours. NSmen will also be allowed to bring in and use their work devices, such as office-configured laptops, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and Blackberries, within these business centres.

3. The following basic facilities will be available in the enhanced business centres, namely photocopiers, facsimile, skype facilities (usage rate paid by users), as well as wired and wireless internet access.

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4. Security will not be compromised as a result of the increased flexibility given to NSmen. To ensure compliance with the security rules, NSmen must safe-keep their devices in the lockers provided and use them only within the compounds of the business centres. As an additional layer of security, closed circuit television (CCTV) will be installed in the business centres. All devices with image-capturing capability such as camera handphones will continue to be prohibited in accordance with the current MINDEF Security Policy. As some company laptops and Blackberries come with image capturing devices, these will be allowed for use only within the business centres. No laptops or phones with image capturing devices will be allowed outside of the business centres.

5. A pilot implementation will be conducted in the last quarter of this year in the Armour Training Institute (ATI) located in Sungei Gedong Camp, the Infantry Training Institute (ITI) located in Jurong Camp II, and the Army Logistics Training Institute (ALTI) located in Kranji Camp III where most NSmen would attend their ICTs. A review will be conducted by the middle of next year before this concept is implemented SAF-wide. More information will be made available to the NSmen closer to the pilot implementation.

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