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## **RADM (NS) Teo Chee Hean Opens Changi Air Base (East)**

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Minister for Defence, Rear-Admiral (NS) Teo Chee Hean, officially opened Changi Air Base (East) this afternoon. The opening of Changi Air Base (East) is a milestone in the development of the RSAF as it is a significant enhancement to the operational capability of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) to defend Singapore's airspace.

Changi Air Base (East) is an extension of the existing Changi Air Base. It will house 145 Squadron, which operates the F-16D Block 52+ Fighting Falcons. Changi Air Base (East) gives the RSAF greater flexibility in the dispersal of its assets while providing easier access to the training areas over the South China Sea.

Jointly conceptualised and developed in close collaboration by MINDEF, the RSAF and the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), Changi Air Base (East) is built on about 200 hectares of undeveloped land. It was developed and designed with the latest information technology and innovative engineering solutions to optimise the use of land to meet the

RSAF's operational requirements.

The innovative and sophisticated features at the base include an airfield lighting system and supervisory control and data acquisition system, anti-condensation system, aircraft arresting system, energy conserving lighting management system, and ergonomically-designed consoles at the air traffic control tower.

Besides 145 Squadron, Changi Air Base (East) will also house support squadrons like the Flying Support Squadron, the Air Logistics Squadron and the Airfield Maintenance Squadron.



RADM(NS) Teo Chee Hean viewing the RSAF's F16D Blk 52+ aircraft, operated by the 145 Squadron, housed at Changi Air Base (East).



Minister meeting the Commanding Officers of the new squadrons based at Changi Air Base (East).

Factsheet:

- Factsheet - Changi Air Base (East) (Document No: MINDEF\_20041129003\_1.pdf)
- Factsheet - RSAF Units to be Housed at CAB (East)  
(Document No: MINDEF\_20041129003\_2.pdf)

Speech:

- Speech by Minister for Defence, RADM (NS) Teo Chee Hean, Inauguration of Changi Air Base (East)  
(Document No: MINDEF\_20041129002.pdf)

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