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Speech by Chief of Army, MG Ravinder Singh at the 13/2012 Specialist Cadet Course Graduation Parade

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Graduates of the 13/2012 Specialist Cadet Course,
Parents,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
A very good evening.

To the graduands on parade, let me congratulate all of you on successfully completing the Specialist Cadet Course. It was a tough and rigorous course that tested your physical and mental abilities. You are here today because you have passed the test. All of you have shown the ability, drive and determination to push the limits and excel. At the same time, I also want to recognise all the people who have helped you reach this significant milestone - your parents, siblings and loved ones who have supported you every step of the way.

Today's parade marks the beginning of your service as Commanders and Leaders in Our Army. You have been entrusted with the duty to lead soldiers into battle when called upon, to protect your families and friends, and to defend our home - Singapore.

While security threats, military tactics and technologies have evolved over the years, your role as a Specialist remains unchanged. Our Specialists and Warrant Officers continue to form the backbone of the SAF, representing the highest military virtues of dedication and discipline.

As leaders, you bear the heavy responsibility for the soldiers under your charge. They will look to you for leadership, guidance and support. Lead with conviction and lead by example. You must be prepared to do what you expect your men to do. Show genuine care and concern. While you train them hard, look out for their safety and well-being. Spend time with your soldiers, and be their guide, friend and mentor. Talk to them, understand their challenges, as you also help them understand what the SAF expects of each one of them.

Respect them as Soldiers, and you will earn their respect as a Leader. Ultimately, your greatest aspiration should be to make a difference in the lives of your soldiers, to transform them into good soldiers and good young men.

Know your job well and forge a strong partnership with your officers, in order to lead the soldiers under your charge. Always be mindful of the training you have received and the values that have been instilled in you. These will put you in good stead to lead with pride, excel in your field, overcome adversity with fighting spirit and serve in this new role with honour and integrity.

Today's Graduation Parade represents a significant milestone in your journey in National Service and the SAF. I am confident that the Specialist Cadet Course has equipped you with a strong foundation of leadership and combat skill. The rank that you are about to wear is an affirmation of the nation's trust and confidence in you, as well as symbolises your new responsibilities as Leaders in Our Army

I welcome all of you as Specialists of the SAF. Perform your duties to the best of your abilities and live up to the Specialists' Creed of excellence. I wish you all the best as you serve our country, and keep it safe for all of us.

WITH PRIDE WE LEAD

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