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I congratulate you on being awarded your wings today.

You have all undergone a very exacting course and are now poised to play your part in the development of our Air Force and in the defence of Singapore.

A lot of time, money and planning have been invested into your training. You are therefore expected to be thoroughly conversant with all aspects of your challenging role and to develop a high standard of professionalism.

Professionalism is not easy to define, but for the pilot it means total familiarity with his aircraft, its capabilities and limitations; competency in handling and adhering to flying procedures and regulations; and detailed knowledge and proficiency in tactics and techniques.

These aspects, though emphasized in your training, can only be perfected in actual experience. You should, therefore, continuously strive to better yourselves both in the air and on the ground. In this way our Air Force can grow to be one to be always reckoned with.
