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Navy Bids Farewell to her Chief

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Today, 29 Jun 96, about 2500 navy personnel attended the parade to bid farewell to the Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral (RADM) Kwek Siew Jin. RADM Kwek leaves the Navy on 30 Jun and will join the Singapore Mass Rapid Transit (SMRT) as its Managing Director with effect from 1 Jul 96. Present at the farewell parade were the Chief of Defence Force, Major-General Bey Soo Khiang; Chief of Air Force, Brigadier-General Goh Yong Siang and incoming Chief of Navy, RADM Richard Lim, and senior naval and SAF officers.

The farewell parade was held at Tuas Naval Base, where RADM Kwek symbolically relinquished his command by handing over a telescope to RADM Lim. After the parade, RADM Kwek boarded a coastal patrol craft to review the various warships in the Navy.

Married with two children, RADM Kwek holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from the University of Singapore. RADM Kwek, 46, has served the Republic of Singapore Navy for 27 years in a variety of command and staff appointments.

RADM Kwek joined the Navy in Feb 69 and held his first ship command in 1976, when he was appointed Commanding Officer of RSS JUPITER. RADM Kwek then went on to hold staff appointments such as Deputy Head Naval Logistics (Supply) and Head Naval Personnel Department. He was the Deputy Fleet Commander for a year in 1984 and was appointed Fleet Commander the following year, a position he held until 1990. Prior to his appointment as the Chief of Navy in Dec 92, RADM Kwek, was the Chief of Staff (Naval Staff) and Head Naval Operations Department..

Throughout his naval career, RADM Kwek attended a number of professional military courses, including the Naval Command Course in the United States and the Singapore Command and Staff Course. In recognition of his contribution to the SAF and the country, RADM Kwek was conferred several awards, including the Public Administration Medal (Gold) (Military) in 1995.