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Thai Supreme Commander and Commanders-in-Chief on Farewell Visit

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This morning, 3 Sep 96, the Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, General (GEN) Viroj Sangsnit, and Commanders in Chief of the Royal Thai Army, Navy and Air Force, GEN Pramon Phalasin, Admiral (ADM) Prachet Siridej and Air Chief Marshall (ACM) Siripong Thongyai, jointly called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, at the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), Gombak Drive. The Thai Supreme Commander and Commanders-in-Chief are in Singapore on a three-day farewell visit from 1 to 3 Sep.

The Thai Supreme Commander and Commanders-in-Chief have promoted regular interactions at all levels between the Royal Thai Armed Forces and the Singapore Armed Forces. At the invitation of the Supreme Command under GEN Viroj, the SAF continues to send observers to EX COBRA GOLD, an exercise between the United States and the Royal Thai Armed Forces. With GEN Pramon's support, EX SINGSIAM, a bilateral exercise between the Republic of Singapore Navy and the Royal Thai Navy, has increased in frequency from a tennial to a biennial exercise. The Royal Thai Air Force, under ACM Siripong, has continued to provide support for the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) training in Thailand, and its participation in EX COPE TIGER, a multilateral air exercise among the Royal Thai Air Force, the United States Air Force and the RSAF. These and other defence cooperatives activities has contributed to the professionalism of the two armed forces and fostered rapport and camaraderie between their officers and men, further strengthening the excellent defence ties between Thailand and Singapore.

The Singapore Armed Forces have numerous exchanges with the Royal Thai Armed Forces. These include EX SINGSIAM, a Navy exercise and EX COPE TIGER, a multilateral air exercise with the United States of America. The soldiers and men from the two Armed Forces also participate in exchange programmes regularly.

Upon their arrival at MINDEF, GEN Viroj reviewed a Guard-of-Honour. The Thai Supreme Commander and Commanders-in-Chief also called on the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General (LT-GEN) Bey Soo Kiang, before jointly calling on Dr Tony Tan.

GEN Viroj, GEN Pramon, ADM Prachet and ACM Siripong were hosted to a dinner by LT-GEN Bey; the Chief of Army, Major-General (MAJ-GEN) Han Eng Juan; the Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Richard Lim; and the Chief of Staff-Air Staff, COL Yam Ah Mee last night. They leave Singapore today.

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