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ASEAN Countries Participate in Prestigious Army Rifle Meet to Foster the ASEAN Spirit

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Some of the region's top army sharp shooters came together today, 11 Oct 96, at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (AARM) 96, held at the Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) Nee Soon 500-metre range. The SAF's Chief of Staff-General Staff, who is also Director, Joint Operations and Planning Directorate, Brigadier-General (BG), Lam Joon Khoi, officiated at the opening ceremony.

The AARM fosters the ASEAN spirit of friendship and cooperation. It also provides the opportunity for top marksmen in the ASEAN armies to display their skills and proficiency in firearms. This annual event is hosted in turn by each of the ASEAN countries. To date, the competition, which was inaugurated in 1991, had been hosted by Malaysia (1991), Indonesia (1992), Brunei (1993), Thailand (1994) and the Philippines (1995). This year's competition is hosted by Singapore.

Among the guests at the opening ceremony were the Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Lieutenant-Colonel A. Jumaat bin Haji Zakaria; Commander First Division KOSTRAD, Angkatan Bersenjata Republik Indonesia, Major-General Ismed Yuzaiki; Deputy Chief of Army, Malaysian Armed Forces, Lieutenant-General (LTG) Dato' Paduka Ismail bin Hassan; Assistant Division Commander, Third Infantry Division, Armed Forces of the Philippines, BG Generoso P Parrenas; and the Chief of Staff, Royal Thai Army, Royal Thai Armed Forces, LTG Charn Boonprasert.

Highlights of the opening ceremony included an individual precision landing display by six Commando parachutists, who each bore a country flag of the ASEAN member countries into the Nee Soon range; a lion dance performed by members of the Chong Pang Zone 3 Residents' Committee; and a fireworks display. In recognition of the event's role in fostering ASEAN ties, a song for AARM was specially composed by the SAF and performed by the Singapore Armed Forces' Music and Drama Company for the first time today.

Fact Sheets:

- Address by Director, Joint Operations and Planning Directorate, and Chief of Staff - General Staff, Brigadier-General Lam Joon Khoi, and Guest-of-Honor, at the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Asean Armies Rifle Meet (Document No: 19961011003)

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