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SAF Signals Formation Shows Admiral Teo Operational Capability and Readiness

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Providing and maintaining the communication links within the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) - this is the vital role of the Signals Formation. The Minister for the Environment and Second Minister for Defence, Rear Admiral (NS) Teo Chee Hean, saw at first hand the capabilities and operational readiness of the Signals Formation when he visited its headquarters at Stagmont Camp, this morning, 30 Nov 96.

RADM (NS) Teo was received on his arrival by the Chief Signals Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel (LTC) Yun Ta Chun. The Commanding Officer of the School of Signals, LTC Charanjit Singh, later briefed RADM (NS) Teo on the roles, organisation and structure of the School of Signals. The School trains signal vocationalists from the basic level to the advanced officer's course. RADM (NS) Teo also toured the School's multi-media training facilities.

RADM (NS) Teo also observed an exercise involving men from the School of Signals setting up radio communication links. Such field communication links are very important in a military operation, as any loss of radio communication will adversely affect the continuity and success of the operation. Maintaining effective command and control in war is crucial to victory. The Signallers are taught how to improvise and re-establish communication links in the event of failure in communication links. RADM (NS) Teo later met with the officers and men from HQ Signals.

The Signals Formation began in 1966 as the Communications and Electronics Department. It was re-organised to form HQ Signals in 1982, and moved to its present location at Stagmont Camp in 1988. It maintains the SAF communications systems, ensuring that they are effective, reliable and technologically-advanced.

Joining RADM (NS) Teo at this morning's visit were two members from the Advisory Council for Community Relations. They were Mr James Lee Kim Wah, Finance Director, Wing Tai Holdings Ltd and Mr Tan Gek Suan, President, Association of Small Medium Enterprises /Managing Director, Hussmann Tempcool Pte Ltd.