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Royal Swedish Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy Sign Submarine Training Agreement (Swedish Navy Chief Conferred One of Singapore's Prestigious Awards)

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VADM Nordbeck calling on DPM Tan

Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Swedish Navy (RSwN), Vice-Admiral (VADM) Peter Nordbeck signed a landmark submarine training agreement with Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Rear-Admiral Richard Lim in a ceremony at the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) this morning. The agreement covers the provision of RSwN facilities and personnel to support the RSN's submarine training in Sweden, in areas such as operational crew and technical training of RSN personnel, exercises, submarine safety, and maintenance of the RSN's submarines in Sweden.

The submarine training agreement will contribute to the professional expertise and

proficiency of the RSN. The RSN values the opportunity to learn from and train with the more experienced RSwn. The training that the RSN receives will increase the knowledge of the RSN in submarine operations. The submarine training agreement also reflects the close partnership between the RSwn and the RSN, and is another symbol of the excellent defence relationship between Singapore and Sweden. The two countries cooperate closely also in the area of defence science and technology for mutual benefit.

VADM Nordbeck was earlier conferred one of Singapore's most prestigious awards, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) Meritorious Service Medal (Military) by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, in an investiture ceremony at MINDEF. VADM Nordbeck, the first Swedish officer to receive the Meritorious Service Medal (Military), was conferred the award for his support and contributions in promoting excellent cooperation and friendship between the RSN and RSwn. Through VADM Nordbeck's leadership, guidance and support, bilateral relations between the RSwn and the RSN have developed significantly over the last four years. New areas of professional interactions, particularly in the areas of Mine Counter-Measures (MCMs) and submarine training, were initiated and are making significant progress.

Two exchange programmes, in Singapore in Dec 96 and Sweden in Nov 97, have been conducted since the signing of the Lejon Singa Exchange Programme Document in Nov 95 to facilitate the exchange of professional information and procedures in MCMs. VADM Nordbeck has been instrumental in facilitating the RSN's submarine training programme in Sweden. The RSwn has been supportive in providing facilities and support to the RSN submarine crews. VADM Nordbeck has encouraged closer professional interactions between the two navies. In his term as Navy Chief, the RSwn participated in the RSN's Naval Junior Officers Course and Midshipmen Training Deployment Programme. The RSN was also invited to send personnel for training attachments with the RSwn.

VADM Nordbeck reviewed a Guard-of-Honour on his arrival at MINDEF this morning. He called on Dr Tan and Chief of Defence Force, Singapore Armed Forces, LT-GEN Bey Soo Khiong, prior to the investiture.



DPM Tan conferring the medal on VADM Nordbeck

Speech:

- Remarks by CNV at the Press Conference After the Submarine Training Agreement Signing (Document No: MINDEF_19980227002.pdf)

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