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## **RSS Endurance Returns to Singapore**

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The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Landing Ship Tank (LST), RSS ENDURANCE returned to Singapore today after a four-month round-the-world voyage called "Sail Navy 2000". The return of RSS ENDURANCE marks a significant milestone in RSN's history - making her the first RSN ship to circumnavigate the globe, and to successfully navigate through both the Suez and Panama Canals.

RSS ENDURANCE left Singapore on 5 May 2000 with the objective of "Making Waves, Forging Global Friendship". Acting as Singapore's ambassador, RSS ENDURANCE called at nine ports -- Honolulu, United States of America; Acapulco, Mexico; Norfolk and New York, United States of America; Halifax, Canada; Plymouth, United Kingdom; Toulon, France; Alexandria, Egypt and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

As part of the voyage, the crew took the opportunity to conduct exercises and drills with some of the host countries visited. One such exercise was with the French Navy, which took place en route to Toulon, France. In that exercise, French helicopters executed a total of 34 landings on the flight deck of RSS Endurance while crossing the English Channel.

At New York, RSS Endurance participated in the US Navy International Naval Review 2000, held in conjunction with the US Independence Day on 4 Jul 2000. An Open House was held for the residents of New York to promote Singapore as a tourist destination.

Officers and men from RSS ENDURANCE also made courtesy calls to Naval Commanders and officials at each port of call. Besides hosting visiting dignitaries and personnel from various military services, RSS Endurance also conducted short tours and briefs on board the locally-designed and built LST.

The Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral (RADM) Lui Tuck Yew, families and friends of the crew of RSS Endurance were present at Tuas Naval Base to welcome the ship home.

**Factsheets:**

- Factsheet - Sail Navy 2000 - RSS Endurance Journey (Document No: MINDEF\_20000902177)
- Factsheet - Specifications for RSS Endurance (Document No: MINDEF\_20000902178)

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