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RSN Hosts First Multilateral Submarine Rescue Exercise in the Western Pacific Region

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The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) is hosting the first multilateral submarine rescue exercise in the Western Pacific region, code named Exercise Pacific Reach 2000. The opening ceremony was officiated by Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral (RADM) Lui Tuck Yew at Tuas Naval Base.

The exercise will be held from 2 to 14 October 2000, and will bring together 600 participants, four submarines, four support ships and other submarine rescue systems from the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN), the United States Navy (USN) and the RSN.

Australia, Canada, Chile, Indonesia, People's Republic of China, Russia and the United Kingdom have been invited to send participants to observe the conduct of Ex Pacific Reach.

Ex Pacific Reach will significantly enhance the capabilities and interoperability of the participating navies in submarine rescue operations. It also contributes to the growing web of multilateral defence ties and confidence building efforts in the region. Singapore participates actively and sometimes plays a key role in such efforts because such interactions make an important contribution to regional peace and stability.

Present at the Opening Ceremony of Ex Pacific Reach was Commander Submarine Group Seven, RADM Joseph J Krol from the United States Navy.

Speech:

- Speech by Radm Lui Tuck Yew, Chief Of Navy at the Opening Ceremony of Exercise Pacific Reach 2000 at Tuas Naval Base on 2 Oct 2000 at 7.00 pm (Document No: MINDEF_20001002204)

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