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## Dr Tony Tan Opens New National Cadet Corps Campus

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The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan officially opened the new National Cadet Corps (NCC) Campus at Amoy Quee Camp in a ceremony held this morning. This event symbolises the strong and longstanding affiliation between the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and the NCC.

After the ceremony, Dr Tony Tan toured some of the facilities available at the new NCC Campus. This includes the NCC Motivation Obstacle Course, Theatrette, NCC Operations Room, and NCC Combined Mess called the Compass Link. Dr Tan also declared open the two-day Centenary Carnival celebrating NCC's 100th anniversary. The carnival, with a National Education theme, will feature SAF hardware and joyrides to highlight the military defence aspect of Total Defence.

In April 2000, Headquarters NCC and its Land District Headquarters shifted from Haig Road, Springleaf and Jalan Teck Whye Camps to the new NCC Campus. For the first time, the main and administrative headquarters of the Land Districts are located together. This improves management, optimises resources, and promotes unit cohesion. It also allows NCC training to be streamlined and conducted more efficiently.

The longstanding SAF-NCC Affiliation Scheme made it logical for the NCC Campus to be located in an SAF camp complex. There is a wide range of SAF facilities within Amoy Quee Camp that NCC cadets can use to meet their training needs. This includes a 25-metre rifle range, open terrain and a medical centre.

At the opening ceremony of the NCC Campus, NCC presented a cheque of \$60,564.71 to the Singapore Children's Society. The money was raised by NCC cadets during the society's Flag Day held on the NCC Community Service Day, 21 April 2001.

## Speech:

- Speech by Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, at the Official Opening of the NCC Campus Held at Amoy Quee Camp (MINDEF\_20010530381)

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