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Singapore Parliamentary Society Members, ACCORD Members & ALUMNI Visit ADSD

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MOS and the visitors viewing the various air defence weapons.

About 50 members from the Singapore Parliamentary Society (SPS), the Advisory Council of Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD) and its alumni, visited the Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) Air Defence Systems Division (ADSD) this morning. Minister of State of Defence, Mr. Cedric Foo, hosted the visit.

The visit is part of MINDEF's continuing efforts to reach out to the community leaders and the public, so as to foster a better understanding of the operations and training requirements of the SAF. Such visits also enable them to keep abreast with the SAF's technological and organisational changes.

ADSD provides airspace surveillance and ground-based air defence for Singapore. Its mission is to protect Singapore's skies and strategic assets against air threats. Its new complex in Chong Pang, which was officially opened on 5 Apr 2002, occupies about 15 hectares of land. The ADSD Complex consists of 30 buildings housing three headquarter

units, six operational units as well as two Singapore Technologies Divisions, ST Electrical and ST Engineering.

During the visit, the visitors were briefed on the history, organisational structure, roles and capabilities of ADSD. They viewed a static display of air defence artillery weapon systems such as the I-Hawk, Rapier, RBS-70, Igla and Mistral surface-to-air missiles, 35mm Oerlikon anti-aircraft and the PSTAR system. They were later given a tour of the ADSD Complex. The visit provided members of SPS, ACCORD and its alumni, with an insight into the integrated nature of the RSAF multi-layered air defence umbrella.

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