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## Launch of Second Locally Built Frigate

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Streamers and confetti burst into the air as part of the celebrations to mark the launch of Singapore's second locally built frigate, the RSS Steadfast, in Singapore Friday, 28 Jan 05.

The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) third frigate, RSS Steadfast, was launched on 28 Jan 2005, by Mrs Tony Tan Keng Yam, wife of Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for Security and Defence Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, at Singapore Technologies Marine yard. DPM Tan officiated at the launching ceremony.

The launch of RSS Steadfast, the second locally built frigate, is an important milestone in the RSN's frigate programme. The RSN's stealth frigates will be equipped with advanced sensor and weapon systems, and have enhanced anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

When the RSN's frigates come into service from 2007 onwards, the Navy's ability to undertake a wider spectrum of missions and carry out its missions of defending Singapore and its vital Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs) will be enhanced.

The ceremony was witnessed by Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean, MINDEF and SAF officials.



Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence, Dr Tony Tan (red tie), is briefed by Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Ronnie Tay on a model of the Formidable class frigate in Singapore Friday, 28 Jan 05.

**Factsheet:**

Factsheet - Platform Design and Systems Configuration (MINDEF\_20050128003.pdf)

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