



NEWS RELEASE

Visit <http://www.mindef.gov.sg> for more news and information about MINDEF and the SAF

President Confers Top Military Award on Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces

16 Aug 2005



The Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF), General Chaisit Shinawatra (Extreme Left) with President S R Nathan and Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Ng Yat Chung at the Istana.

The Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF), General Chaisit Shinawatra, was conferred Singapore's highest military award, Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Tentera), or the Distinguished Service Order (Military), by President S R Nathan at the Istana this morning.

The Distinguished Service Order (Military) was awarded to General Chaisit in recognition of his outstanding contributions to fostering excellent ties between the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and the RTARF.

Under his leadership and guidance, the RTARF has continued to provide valuable support for the SAF's exercises in Thailand. With General Chaisit's support, professional interactions between the two armed forces have increased in scope and depth. The SAF and RTARF engage in a broad spectrum of bilateral and multilateral activities, including military

exercises and professional exchange programmes. Such interactions have enhanced professionalism and strengthened mutual understanding and camaraderie among officers and men.

The guests at the investiture included Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean; Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen; Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Raymond Lim, as well as senior officials from Singapore and Thailand. General Chaisit had earlier called on Minister Teo.



The Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, General Chaisit Shinawatra being conferred Singapore's highest military award, Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Tentera), or the Distinguished Service Order (Military), by President S R Nathan.

National Archives of Singapore