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## Chief of Staff of Indonesian Air Force Conferred Prestigious Military Award

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ACM Suyanto being conferred the Meritorious Service Medal (Military), by the Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean

The Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Djoko Suyanto, was conferred the prestigious military award, Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military), by the Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean in an investiture ceremony at the Ministry of Defence this afternoon. ACM Suyanto was awarded the medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions in forging closer ties between the Indonesian Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

Under ACM Suyanto's leadership and guidance, both air forces have enjoyed excellent relations through regular bilateral exercises, professional exchanges and interaction programmes. Both air forces have benefitted from the expansion in scope and complexity of longstanding interactions such as Exercise Elang Indopura and Exercise Camar Indopura. ACM Suyanto's role in promoting these interactions has brought relations between the two air forces to a higher level. The broad spectrum of bilateral interactions has enabled the steady development of mutual understanding and camaraderie between the officers and men of the two air forces.

As part of his visit, ACM Suyanto will be calling on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana this evening. While at the Ministry of Defence, ACM Suyanto also called on Minister Teo, Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Ng Yat Chung and Chief of Air Force Major-General Lim Kim Choon.

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