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430 Officer Cadets Commissioned at SAFTI Military Institute

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean inspecting the parade.

Minister for Defence, Teo Chee Hean reviewed the commissioning parade for 430 officers from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) at the SAFTI Military Institute this evening. The parade marked the completion of 38 weeks of rigorous training at the Officer Cadet School (OCS). The demanding and realistic training exercises conducted during this course provided

valuable opportunities for the officer cadets to hone their planning, analytical, combat and leadership skills.

Advanced obstacle courses and exacting physical training, like the 32 km route march, further tested their physical and mental endurance. The officer cadets were also schooled in the finer aspects of social and dining etiquette. The Officer Cadet Course culminated in a three-week Joint phase, which included unit visits to the Army, Navy and Air Force, designed to familiarise officer cadets with the operational concepts and integrated capabilities of the SAF. These visits enabled them to better appreciate the transformation journey and networked fighting capabilities of the Third Generation SAF. The cohort of 332 Army cadets, 42 Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) cadets and 56 Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) cadets is the second to be commissioned this year. Standing out amongst their peers are seven officer cadets who were awarded the prestigious Sword of Honour.

The newly-commissioned officers will assume combat, instructional or staff appointments in SAF units. The camaraderie and esprit de corps forged during the course will remain as enduring ties that bond these young officers as they take up their individual appointments and progress in their careers. Members of Parliament, senior MINDEF officials and SAF officers, and families and friends of the newly commissioned officers were also at the parade. The strong public support for the event underscores the importance of National Service and the SAF as key institutions of Singapore.



Sword of Honour recipients Second-Lieutenants Koh Guan How, Lee Kwok Ming and Yee Zhi Jian.

Speeches

- Speech by Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean at the 65/06 OCC Commissioning Parade (MINDEF_20070609003.pdf)

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