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Singapore, Thailand and The United States in Trilateral Air Exercise

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ACM Chalit Pukbhasuk, Major-General Ng Chee Khern and Major-General Richard E. Perraut Jr saluting the parade at the opening ceremony (on the platform). Next to the platform are the three exercise directors for Ex Cope Tiger from the three countries.

The opening ceremony of Exercise Cope Tiger, an annual trilateral exercise between Singapore, Thailand and the United States, was conducted at Paya Lebar Air Base today. The opening ceremony was officiated by Chief of Air Force of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Major-General Ng Chee Khern; Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk; and Vice Commander of 13th Air Force, United States Air Force (USAF), Major-General Richard E. Perraut Jr.

Exercise Cope Tiger will be carried out in two phases. The first phase, a Command Post Exercise (CPX), was held at Paya Lebar Air Base from 12 to 14 December 2007. The CPX, which involved mission planning exercises and mission commanders' training, enabled the participants to gain a greater appreciation of the operating and planning procedures across the three air forces. The second phase, the Flying Training Exercise (FTX), which involves 96 aircraft and over 1000 personnel, will be conducted in Korat, Thailand, from 27 January to 5 February 2008. Personnel from the three air forces will also participate in a joint socio-civic effort where they will provide medical and dental assistance to the community in Korat.

An annual exercise since 1994, Exercise Cope Tiger besides enhancing interoperability of the participating air forces, also promotes closer professional understanding and exchanges among its participants.

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