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Singapore's Naval Capability Enhanced with Three More Frigates

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Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean officiated at the commissioning ceremony of three of the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)'s Formidable-Class Stealth Frigates, namely, RSS INTREPID, RSS STEADFAST and RSS TENACIOUS, at Changi Naval Base (CNB) today.

The operationalisation of the frigates marks a significant milestone in the transformation of the RSN towards a 3rd Generation fighting force. The frigates are equipped with state-of-the-art combat capabilities that enable enabling them to perform a wide spectrum of missions, and to deal with various threats in all dimensions of naval warfare - surface, air and underwater. "Many systems, for example, the Combat Management System, are truly unique to the RSN, and will no doubt give us a decisive edge in our operations", said Commanding Officer of RSS STEADFAST, COL Giam Hock Koon. The new frigates follow into service the lead ship of this class, the RSS FORMIDABLE, which was commissioned earlier on 5 May 2007.

The remaining two frigates are expected to become operational next year. Under a technology transfer agreement with French Shipbuilder Direction Des Constructions Navales (DCN), the first ship was designed and constructed in France, while the rest were built locally by ST Marine.

Speeches:

- Speech by Mr Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence, at the Commissioning Ceremony of RSS Intrepid, RSS Steadfast and RSS Tenacious (MINDEF_20080205003.pdf)

Fact sheets:

- Fact Sheet: Formidable-Class Stealth Frigates, RSS Intrepid, RSS Steadfast and RSS Tenacious (MINDEF_20080205002.pdf)

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