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Participating Organisations, Sponsors Thanked for the Success of NDP 08

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More than 300 participating organisations and sponsors were thanked for their contributions and support for the National Day Parade (NDP) 08 at a dinner this evening. The dinner was hosted by Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean, who also presented certificates of appreciation and mementos to thank the participating organisations, sponsors and the organisers for making NDP 08 a resounding success.

The theme for NDP 08, 'Celebrating the Singapore Spirit', highlights the unity of our people, how we band together in adversity and strive continuously for excellence. It is this Singapore Spirit that will continue to shape our resilience, strengthen our cohesiveness and nurture our creativity as we forge ahead as One People and Nation, and build a Better Home for All and a Global City of Possibilities. Besides the more than 150,000 people who watched the spectacular parade from the seating gallery and around Marina Bay during the various rehearsals and on 9 Aug, an estimated 19 million people watched the parade on television as it was broadcast throughout Asia for the first time. The parade would not have been possible without the dedication of the thousands of participants who spent countless hours rehearsing and perfecting their drills and performances. Sponsors from the private and public sectors also contributed to the success of the parade through their sponsorship and other forms of support. The involvement of so many spectators, participants, sponsors and organisers in NDP 08 is testimony to the great pride Singaporeans feel in celebrating the nation's 43rd birthday and the commitment they have put in to make the parade a memorable celebration for everyone.

Speeches:

- Speech by Mr Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence, at the NDP Appreciation Reception (MINDEF_20080827003.pdf)