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German Army Chief of Staff Receives Prestigious Military Award

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean conferring the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) on German Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General (LTG) Hans-Otto Budde at the Ministry of Defence.

The Chief of Staff, German Army, Lieutenant-General (LTG) Hans-Otto Budde, was conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) [or Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera)] by Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean at an investiture held at the Ministry of Defence this morning.

The Meritorious Service Medal (Military) was awarded to LTG Budde in recognition of his significant role in enhancing the excellent ties between the armies of Singapore and Germany. LTG Budde has also been instrumental in facilitating the Singapore Armed Forces' main battle tank training exercise in Germany in March 2009. Under his guidance, interactions between the two armies have grown in scope and depth. There are more frequent exchanges of visits, attendance of each other's courses and opportunities for sharing knowledge. These interactions have strengthened the mutual understanding, rapport and camaraderie among the personnel of both armies.

Before the investiture, LTG Budde called on Mr Teo and the Chief of Army, Major-General Neo Kian Hong. As part of his visit to Singapore from 5 to 8 March, LTG Budde also visited Headquarters Armour and the Murai Urban Training Facility.



German Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General (LTG) Hans-Otto Budde inspecting the Guard-of-Honour at the Ministry of Defence.

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