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Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force Receives Prestigious Military Award

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DPM confers MSM(M) on ACM Itthaporn.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Itthaporn Subhawong, was conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) [or Meritorious Service Medal (Military)], by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean at an investiture held at the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

The medal was awarded to ACM Itthaporn in recognition of his outstanding efforts in promoting excellent ties between the RTAF and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF). His active support has strengthened professional and personal interactions between the two air forces. The RTAF and RSAF engage in a broad range of activities, which include bilateral and multilateral exercises. These extensive interactions have enhanced the interoperability and camaraderie between the personnel of both air forces.

ACM Itthaporn, who is in Singapore from 16 to 18 July 2009, called on Mr Teo, Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Desmond Kuek and Chief of Air Force Major-General Ng Chee Khern before the investiture.