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## **Fact Sheet: Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship (SAFOS)**

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The SAFOS was introduced in 1971, with the aim of recruiting top students from each year's GCE 'A' Levels cohort to serve in MINDEF and the SAF. The SAFOS is a prestigious scholarship widely recognised as second only to the President's Scholarship. There have been 269 SAFOS recipients to date.

SAF overseas scholars are carefully groomed to assume key appointments. They take on a variety of challenging command and staff appointments, which prepare them well for top leadership positions in the SAF, and subsequently in the public service and private sector.

SAF overseas scholars are also offered post-graduate studies in renowned universities and institutions. This is to allow them to further their academic excellence and develop their potential to the fullest.

Past SAF overseas scholars include Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Minister for Foreign Affairs George Yeo, Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Lim Swee Say, Head Civil Service Peter Ho, Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Desmond Kuek, Chief of Air Force Major-General Ng Chee Khern, Chief of Army Major-General Neo Kian Hong and Chief of Navy Rear-Admiral Chew Men Leong.

The six recipients of this year's SAFOS are:

### **Army**

Name: OCT Chua Xianyi

Course: History, Cornell University, USA

Junior College: Anglo-Chinese School (International Baccalaureate)

Name: OCT Lim Kah Liang Stanley

Course: Biology and Business, University of Pennsylvania, USA  
Junior College: Hwa Chong Institution

Name: 2LT Mok Wei-Sheng Jerik  
Course: Economics, University College London, UK  
Junior College: Raffles Junior College

### **Air Force**

Name: OCT Lee Wen Jie Jamie (Pilot Trainee)  
Course: Aeronautical Engineering, Imperial College London, UK  
Junior College: Raffles Junior College

Name: OCT Tay Weizhe Nicholas (Pilot Trainee)  
Course: International Relations and History, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK  
Junior College: Victoria Junior College

### **Navy**

Name: MID Chua Sheng Hao  
Course: Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College London, UK  
Junior College: Raffles Junior College

### **Related Resources:**

- Six Awarded Prestigious SAF Overseas Scholarship (MINDEF\_20090811001.pdf)
- Keynote Address by DPM at the 2009 SAFOS Award Presentation Ceremony (MINDEF\_20090811002.pdf)

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