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Singapore hosts Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Exercise

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean delivering his keynote address at the opening ceremony of Exercise Deep Sabre II.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean officiated at the opening ceremony of Exercise Deep Sabre II at the Changi Command and Control Centre this morning. Deep Sabre is a Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) exercise which Singapore is hosting for the second time. During his opening address, Mr Teo highlighted Singapore's firm support for the PSI and the value of having exercises like Deep Sabre II to prevent the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), their delivery systems and related material. He said: "Singapore actively contributes to counter-proliferation efforts through the PSI. As a committed PSI member, we do so by hosting PSI activities like the Deep Sabre exercises. As with Deep Sabre I, Deep Sabre II is designed to enhance both national and international inter-agency coordination and interoperability across PSI partner countries."

Exercise Deep Sabre II, conducted from 27 to 30 Oct 09, comprises discussions and a table top exercise on PSI-related matters; a simulated maritime interdiction of a merchant vessel suspected of carrying illegal WMD-related materials; and a port search demonstration where the vessel will be diverted back to shore to be searched by civilian enforcement agencies. Some 2000 personnel from 19 PSI countries will be participating in Exercise Deep Sabre II.

In 2005, Singapore hosted Exercise Deep Sabre I, the first PSI exercise in South East Asia, involving 13 PSI countries. The PSI is a multinational initiative launched in 2003 to encourage international cooperation to stop the trafficking of WMD, their delivery systems, and related materials. To date, more than 90 countries around the world have endorsed the PSI and are working together to counter the global threat of WMD proliferation.



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean interacting with foreign participants in the Multinational Operations & Exercises Centre at Exercise Deep Sabre II.

Related Resources:

- Opening Address by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean at the Opening Ceremony of Exercise Deep Sabre II (MINDEF_20091027002.pdf)
- Fact Sheet: Exercise Deep Sabre II (MINDEF_20091027003.pdf)

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