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Australian Army Chief receives Prestigious Military Award

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean conferring the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) on Australian Chief of Army, Lieutenant-General (LTGEN) Kenneth J. Gillespie, at the Ministry of Defence.

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The Chief of Army of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Lieutenant General (LTGEN) Kenneth J. Gillespie, 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 morning.

The medal was awarded to LTGEN Gillespie in recognition of his outstanding contributions in strengthening bilateral ties between the armies of Singapore and Australia. LTGEN Gillespie has been supportive of the Singapore Armed Forces' training in Australia for Exercise Wallaby, conducted annually in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area. Under LTGEN Gillespie's leadership, the Australian Army and the Singapore Army have cooperated closely

in the multinational reconstruction efforts in Oruzgan, Afghanistan. These interactions have further strengthened the interoperability and sharing of knowledge between the two armed forces, and deepened the close and long-standing defence relationship between both countries.

LTGEN Gillespie, who is in Singapore for a visit from 28 to 30 Apr 2010, called on Mr Teo as well as Chief of Defence Force Major-General Neo Kian Hong and Chief of Army Brigadier-General Chan Chun Sing before the investiture. He also visited the Murai Urban Training Facility today.



Australian Chief of Army, LTGEN Kenneth J. Gillespie, calling on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean.

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