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## Australian Air Force Chief Receives Prestigious Military Award

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean congratulates Chief of Air Force of the Royal Australian Air Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, after the MSM(M) investiture ceremony.

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The Chief of Air Force of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Air Marshal (AM) Mark Binskin, 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 AM Binskin in recognition of his significant contributions in strengthening bilateral ties between the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the RAAF. Under AM Binskin's leadership, the RSAF's Pilatus PC-21 flying training programme was smoothly implemented at the RSAF Flying Training School in RAAF Base Pearce, Australia. AM Binskin's support was also instrumental in the successful establishment of the Qualified Flying Instructor exchange programme between both air forces. The RSAF and the RAAF interact regularly through multilateral exercises such as Exercise Pitch Black, and a range of other professional exchanges. These interactions have further strengthened the professionalism, interoperability and knowledge sharing between the two air forces, and deepened the close and longstanding defence relationship between the two countries.

AM Binskin, who is in Singapore for a visit from 6 to 8 Jun 2010, called on Mr Teo as well as Chief of Defence Force Major-General Neo Kian Hong and Chief of Air Force Brigadier-General Ng Chee Meng before the investiture. He visited Tengah Air Base and Sembawang Air Base yesterday, as well as the Changi Command and Control Centre today.



Chief of Air Force of the Royal Australian Air Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, inspecting the Guard of Honour at the Ministry of Defence.

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