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People's Republic of China Defense Minister visits Singapore

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DPM Teo welcoming People's Republic of China Defense Minister General Liang Guanglie to MINDEF.

Member of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China, State Councillor and Minister of National Defense General (GEN) Liang Guanglie met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean at the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) this morning. GEN Liang is in Singapore on an official visit from 15 to 17 May 2011.

During their meeting, Mr Teo and GEN Liang exchanged views on regional security issues and reaffirmed the importance of the bilateral defence relationship and interactions as a part of the longstanding and broad-based relationship between Singapore and China. The two Defence Ministers expressed satisfaction with the progress in bilateral defence ties, and

agreed to work towards enhancing defence exchanges and security cooperation between the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and People's Liberation Army (PLA).

GEN Liang's visit underscores the warm and friendly defence relations between Singapore and China, and builds on the regular exchange of high-level bilateral visits between both sides. GEN Liang's visit also highlights the progress made in defence ties, following the signing of the bilateral Agreement on Defence Exchanges and Security Cooperation in January 2008. The armed forces of both countries interact regularly through the exchange of visits, courses, seminars and port calls, and have also held two joint counter-terrorism (CT) training exercises.

As part of his visit, GEN Liang also visited Headquarters 6th Division, and called on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew at the Istana this afternoon.



General Liang Guanglie inspecting the Guard-of-Honour.

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