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## Chief of Defence Force Receives Prestigious Military Award from Malaysia

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LG Neo Kian Hong being conferred the PGAT by his Majesty, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin. (Photo: Malaysian Armed Forces HQ)

Chief of Defence Force (CDF) Lieutenant-General (LG) Neo Kian Hong was conferred the Darjah Panglima Gagah Angkatan Tentera (PGAT) Honorary Malaysian Armed Forces Order for Valour (First Degree), Gallant Commander of Malaysian Armed Forces], in a ceremony at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur today. The award was presented by His Majesty, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin.

The PGAT is the top Malaysian military medal, awarded to the highest-ranking officers of the Malaysian Armed Forces and to top foreign military officials. The conferment of the award on LG Neo reflects the warm and long-standing defence relationship between Singapore and Malaysia. The Singapore Armed Forces and the Malaysian Armed Forces interact regularly through bilateral exercises and professional exchanges. Both Armed Forces also work together multilaterally, under the ambit of the Malacca Strait Patrols, the Five Power Defence Arrangements, the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and the ADMM-Plus.

Previous recipients of the PGAT include former CDFs LG (Ret.) Winston Choo, LG (Ret.) Ng Jui Ping, LG (Ret.) Ng Yat Chung and LG (NS) Desmond Kuek.

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