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

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Indonesian Minister of Defence Dr Purnomo Yusgiantoro congratulating LG Neo Kian Hong after conferring the Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama (Grand Meritorious Military Order) on him at the Defence Ministry in Jakarta.

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Chief of Defence Force (CDF) Lieutenant-General (LG) Neo Kian Hong, received the Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama (Grand Meritorious Military Order) in a ceremony at the Defence Ministry in Jakarta today. The award was presented by Indonesian Minister of Defence, Dr Purnomo Yusgiantoro, on behalf of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

The Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama is Indonesia's highest military award. The conferment of the award on LG Neo reflects the long-standing and strong defence relations between Singapore and Indonesia. The armed forces of both countries interact regularly in a range of activities, including visits, professional exchanges, and bilateral exercises such as Exercise Elang Indopura, Exercise Eagle and Exercise Safkar Indopura. These interactions have enhanced the mutual understanding and close ties between the two armed forces.

LG Neo who is in Indonesia for a three-day visit, called on Dr Purnomo and the Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian National Defence Forces Admiral Agus Suhartono earlier today.

As part of his official programme, LG Neo will visit the Indonesia Peace and Security Centre tomorrow.

Previous recipients of the Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama include former CDFs LG (NS) Desmond Kuek, LG (Ret) Ng Yat Chung, and LG (Ret) Lim Chuan Poh.

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