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## **Fact Sheet: Recipients of the Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship, Singapore Armed Forces Merit Scholarship and Defence Merit Scholarship**

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### **Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship**

Introduced in 1971, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Overseas Scholarship (SAFOS) is a prestigious scholarship, widely recognised as second only to the President's Scholarship. The SAFOS is awarded annually to outstanding service personnel who have excelled in their studies and co-curricular activities, and performed well in the officer cadet course. The SAFOS has attracted the best and brightest from each cohort of school-leavers to join the SAF. Upon completion of their tertiary education, the scholars return to the armed forces to assume a variety of challenging appointments to groom them for the highest level of leadership positions at the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the SAF. There are 298 SAFOS recipients to date.

Past SAF overseas scholars include Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Manpower Tan Chuan-Jin, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chee Wee Kiong, Permanent Secretary (Education Development) Neo Kian Hong, Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) Major-General (MG) (NS) Ng Chee Khern, Chief of Navy Rear-Admiral Ng Chee Peng, Chief of Army MG Perry Lim, Chief Executive of Public Utilities Board Rear-Admiral (NS) Chew Men Leong, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SMRT Corporation Ltd Desmond Kuek, Chairman of Agency for Science, Technology and Research Lim Chuan Poh, Chief Executive of Neptune Orient Lines Ng Yat Chung, President and CEO of National Environmental Agency Ronnie Tay.

The six SAFOS recipients this year are:

Name: 2LT Ban Hoe Hian, Dylan

Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution

Course: Government and Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science

Name: 2LT Bryan Lim Tze Yun

Tertiary Institution: NUS High School of Mathematics and Science

Course: International Relations, Tufts University

Name: 2LT Tan Yang Sheng Joseph

Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution

Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: 2LT Ting Chang Hui

Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution

Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: OCT Lum Qing Wen

Tertiary Institution: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

Course: Biomedical Science, Imperial College London

Name: OCT Richard Kwek Hongwei

Tertiary Institution: Victoria Junior College

Course: Law, University College London

### **Singapore Armed Forces Merit Scholarship**

Introduced in 1983, the SAF Merit Scholarship (SMS) is awarded to individuals with academic excellence and strong leadership qualities. When SMS recipients return upon completion of their tertiary education, they will assume various appointments that will groom them for senior command and leadership positions in MINDEF and the SAF.

There are 388 recipients to date.

Past SMS recipients include Chief of Air Force, MG Hoo Cher Mou and former Chief of Army, MG (NS) Ravinder Singh.

The 18 SMS recipients this year are:

Name: LTA Kuah Jun Hui Raymeo

Scholarship: SMS (Combat)

Tertiary Institution: River Valley High School

Course: Psychology, National University of Singapore

Name: LTA Teoh Zhi Sheng  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Nanyang Junior College  
Course: Chemical Engineering, University College London

Name: LTA Tay Jia Xi  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Mechanical Engineering with Business Finance, University College London

Name: LTA Tinaesrupan A Jagadessan  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Saint Andrew's Junior College  
Course: Engineering, University of Cambridge

Name: 2LT Daryl Chen Jun Ze  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: 2LT Joel Ng Jia Jun  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: 2LT Sng Shao Hao  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: NUS High School of Mathematics and Science  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: 2LT Tan Peng Ning  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Psychology, University of Warwick

Name: 2LT Wong Kwang Ik  
Scholarship: SMS (Combat)  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

Name: ME4A Ng Jie Ming  
Scholarship: SMS (Engineering)

Tertiary Institution: Singapore Polytechnic  
Course: Mechanical Engineering, National University of Singapore

Name: ME4A Ng Zhi Long, Benjamin  
Scholarship: SMS (Engineering)  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Electrical and Electronics Engineering with Management, Imperial College London

Name: ME4A Wu Yonghan  
Scholarship: SMS (Engineering)  
Tertiary Institution: Singapore American School  
Course: Engineering Product Development, Singapore University of Technology and Design

Name: OCT Hazel Anne Wong Ting-Yi  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)  
Tertiary Institution: Victoria Junior College  
Course: Law, London School of Economics and Political Science

Name: OCT Liew Jia Yan Stephanie  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)  
Tertiary Institution: River Valley High School  
Course: Physics, University of Edinburgh

Name: MID Ling An  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Economics, University of Warwick

Name: OCT Stephanie Cai Ruixin  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Psychology, University of California Los Angeles

Name: OCT Tan Myen Hilary  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)  
Tertiary Institution: Victoria Junior College  
Course: Ecology and Environmental Biology, Imperial College London

Name: OCT Zara Nicole Toh Jia Min  
Scholarship: SMS (Women)

Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

### **Defence Merit Scholarship**

The DMS was first awarded in 2002, and has since attracted many top students. With the wide spectrum of jobs available in MINDEF, these scholars can look forward to rewarding and challenging careers that will develop their potential to the fullest. Upon the completion of their tertiary education, the DMS recipients will be groomed for senior management positions in MINDEF. There are 62 recipients to date.

The seven DMS recipients this year are:

Name: Avalyn Chia Xue Ting  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Law, University College London

Name: Jessie Lim Jie Sin  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Psychology, University College London

Name: Melody Seet Jing  
Tertiary Institution: Hwa Chong Institution  
Course: Psychology, University of Birmingham

Name: Ong Jun Jie  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: Pung Zi Bing  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Finance, New York University

Name: Tan Wei Xian Samuel  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Departing for studies in 2015

Name: Yong Xin Hui  
Tertiary Institution: Raffles Institution  
Course: Finance, New York University

### **News Release:**

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