SAFTI MI ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COLLEGE AND NANYANG BUSINESS SCHOOL

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1. Earlier this afternoon, SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Australian Defence College (ADC) and the Nanyang Business School of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

2. The MOU with the ADC is the first between SAFTI MI and a foreign military institution, and was signed by Brigadier-General (BG) Eric Tan Huck Gim, Commandant SAFTI MI, and Rear-Admiral Marcus F. Bonser, Commander ADC. This partnership will enable SAFTI MI and the ADC to conduct joint research and develop programmes and courses in military leadership, strategic studies, and professional military knowledge in areas such as peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and joint operations.

3. In a separate ceremony, BG Tan also signed an MOU with Professor Hong Hai, Dean of the Nanyang Business School. This MOU strengthens the existing cooperation between SAFTI MI and the Nanyang Business School and will allow the two institutions to identify and develop joint research projects on ethics, values, and other aspects of leadership development and education.

4. The signing of the MOUs strengthens SAFTI MI’s relationships with both schools, and is part of its broader plan to expand cooperation in professional military education and training with similar institutions throughout the world.

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FACTSHEET

SAFTI MILITARY INSTITUTE

1. SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) is tri-service and tri-level institute of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and home of the SAF Officer Corps.

2. Its mission is: “To develop a corps of SAF officers to lead in the defence of Singapore and to safeguard its independence and sovereignty. SAFTI MI builds upon SAFTI’s tradition of providing professional, rigorous and disciplined training for Army, Navy and Air Force officers. Through its tri-service training, SAFTI MI aims to forge common bonds and commitment among fellow officers, and build an integrated SAF.”

3. All levels of training from the junior level at Officer Cadet School (OCS), to the intermediate in the SAF Advanced Schools (SAS), to senior command and staff level at the Singapore Command and Staff College (SCSC), are centralised at SAFTI MI. Closely supporting the Schools in their education and training mission are the Centre of Leadership Development (CLD), the Instructional Technology Centre (INTEC), the Military History Branch (MHB) and the SAFTI MI Library. For more information, please visit www.mindef.gov.sg/safti.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COLLEGE

4. Commencing 1 January 2001, a reorganised Australian Defence College - Weston Creek (ADC-WC) comprising three tri-service educational organisations was opened. The College has overarching responsibility for Australia’s premier tri-Service officer education establishments: the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CDSS), the Australian Command and Staff College (ACSC) (both located at Weston Creek), and the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), located at Northcott Drive, Campbell. The Commander ADC is RADM Mark...
Bonser, AO, CSC, RAN. He exercises command over the ADC and its component parts; each headed by a one-star or equivalent officer (Principal CDSS, Commandant ACSC and Commandant ADFA).

5. The ADC Mission is to professionally education defence leaders and managers of the future. The ADC Vision is to education military officers and officials who are recognised, nationally and internationally, as world leaders in their profession. Further information is available at: www.defence.gov.au/adc/

Nanyang Technological University

6. Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution.

7. The university has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, it is a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 universities in the world. It has a strong engineering college ranked among the best globally, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programmes in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative.

8. NTU has established three new schools – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. With the comprehensive curriculum, vibrant campus life and international experience, the university is in the process of realising its New Undergraduate Experience initiative.

9. A traditional strength of the university is the high employment rate and high remuneration received by its graduates. Strong international relationships are also a hallmark of NTU. We have collaborations with more than 250 institutions worldwide, including MIT, Stanford University and Cornell University in the US, Peking University, Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiaotong University in China, Waseda University in Japan and many others in Europe and Asia.

Nanyang Business School

10. Nanyang Business School has a long history of educating business leaders in the Asia-Pacific region, with a strong international faculty, innovative curricula and teaching methods. It is the only business school in Singapore and the third in Asia to have both the EQUIS and AACSB accreditation, both hallmarks of quality business education.

11. It has been consistently ranked among the top business schools in Singapore, the region and globally by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Asia Inc and Chief Executive China. Nanyang Business School offers a unique mix of global perspectives with a strong Asian focus, keeping students abreast of the latest business trends and technology. As an industry-oriented business school, it creates opportunities for students to network with business professionals and entrepreneurs.

12. For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg
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