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All male members of Cyber Youth Singapore (CYS), a non-profit organisation, will be encouraged to volunteer to spend their national service (NS) as digital specialists in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). The length of their service will double from two years to four if they are selected as digital specialists under the SAF’s newly established Digital and Intelligence Service for four years.

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