THE SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES AND NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY COLLABORATE TO PROMOTE CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) this afternoon to formalise a Strategic Partnership on Continuing Education for servicemen and women in the SAF.

2. This MOU, lasting ten years, promotes continuing education for personnel in the SAF. It includes the design, conduct and accreditation of education programmes, faculty development and the exchange of professional knowledge and joint research in instruction, leadership, management, security and war studies. The SAF and NTU shall review the MOU every 3 years and it may be extended with mutual written consent from both organisations. A Joint Academic Committee (JAC), chaired by Commandant SAFTI MI and the Senior Associate Provost of NTU will review, promote and direct this partnership between the SAF and NTU.

3. The MOU is built on the strong, multi-faceted relationship that already exists between the SAF and NTU schools. Since the establishment of SAFTI MI in 1995, NTU professors from the S. Rajaratnam School for International Studies have conducted lectures in security and war studies for courses in the SAF. In 2005, SAFTI MI signed MOUs with Nanyang Business School and National Institute of Education to collaborate in the areas of leadership and management education, research, and faculty development respectively. This latest MOU will pave the way for more forms of educational accreditation for SAF personnel in the future.

4. This joint Master's programme is the first initiative of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Continuing Education signed between the SAF and NTU. SAF officers who have completed the Command and Staff Course (CSC) and a customised continuous education programme will be awarded an NTU Masters degree in any specialisation of their choosing.

5. The Singapore Command & Staff College (SCSC) will co-design and co-teach five NTU-accredited course modules in the areas of military leadership, strategic studies, and military technology, as part of the CSC curriculum. After CSC, SAF officers can take up Masters-level courses in NTU under various areas of specialisation related to their career fields, such as human resources, logistics, training/instruction, international relations and general
management. The final component will be an “Independent Study” paper, which will be supervised by the NTU faculty.

6. By attending the Masters degree programme in NTU, the SAF officers will be exposed to the latest ideas and practices in the field beyond their jobs in the SAF. Through continuous and systematic training and education, the SAF officers will have opportunities to acquire new knowledge at key junctures of their careers. Fellow regular students attending the same Masters programme will also benefit from the SAF officers’ contributions. The Masters programme will develop all-rounded leaders for the 3rd Generation SAF by building their knowledge-based competencies to better meet the increasing complexities and dynamic challenges of the new security environment.

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