Two receive MINDEF Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships

1. The Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) has awarded the inaugural Temasek Research Fellowship and Nanyang-DSO Post-Doctoral Fellowship to two outstanding researchers. The fellowship recipients are Dr Oleg Vasylkiv, who is awarded the Temasek Research Fellowship and Dr Edwin Teo Hang Tong, who is awarded the Nanyang-DSO Post-Doctoral Fellowship. The certificates of award were presented to the recipients by Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) Dr Tan Kim Siew at a ceremony held at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) this afternoon.

2. Speaking at the ceremony, Chief Defence Scientist and Chief Research and Technology Officer Quek Tong Boon highlighted that the fellowships will enable MINDEF to engage a wider pool of talented researchers from Singapore and abroad to undertake basic research with potential applications for defence. He said, “MINDEF is excited at the opportunity to tap on post-doctorate talents through the Temasek Research Fellowship and the Nanyang-DSO Post-Doctoral Fellowship schemes. Dr Oleg's and Dr Teo's research will enhance our capability in advanced materials using nanotechnology and could open up new possibilities which may be of relevance to defence”.

3. Established in 2009, the post-doctoral research fellowship provides outstanding researchers the opportunity to lead science and technology research at the local universities. The Temasek Research Fellowship scheme is a three-year post-doctoral fellowship where researchers can undertake research at NTU or National University of Singapore. The inaugural fellowships invited applications for research in Advanced Materials, Cognitive Sciences, Cyber Security and Electromagnetics. The same areas
apply to the two-year Nanyang-DSO Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

4. The research fellowships underscore the close partnership between MINDEF and the local universities and research institutes. These partnerships have resulted in several projects which have contributed significantly to the development of key technological capabilities in the 3rd Generation Singapore Armed Forces.

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