

NG CHEE MENG

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Chee Meng joined the SAF in December 1986. A fighter pilot by vocation, Chee Meng has held various key command and staff appointments over his 29 years of service. These included Commanding Officer, 144 Squadron; Head Air Plans Department; Commander, Changi Air Base; Director Joint Operations and Chief of Air Force.

Chee Meng was appointed Chief of Defence Force (CDF) in March 2013. During his tenure as CDF, Chee Meng ensured that the SAF maintained its high level of operational effectiveness in safeguarding the nation's security. Under his leadership, he also charted out the SAF's force structuring plans.

In addition, Chee Meng played a pivotal role as Chairman of the State Funeral Organising Committee (SFOC) for the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew. The SFOC worked tirelessly with government agencies and volunteers to give the late Mr Lee the most dignified send-off. Their efforts gave Singaporeans the opportunity to honour Mr Lee and pay their final respects.

Chee Meng also headed the National Day Celebrations Committee (NDCC). In 2015, Chee Meng guided the NDCC to conceptualise and organise the "Majulah Singapura" themed National Day Parade. NDP 15 gave Singapore a most memorable parade to celebrate Singapore's Golden Jubilee!

Chee Meng also held several directorship appointments in public and private organisations, including the Boards of Singapore Technologies Engineering, Defence Science and Technology Agency, and Jurong Town Corporation.

After receiving his early education in Hua Yi Primary School, The Chinese High School and Hwa Chung Junior College, Chee Meng studied at the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1991. In 2003, he obtained a Master of Arts (International Relations) at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, USA.

At the community level, Chee Meng volunteered at the AMKFSC Community Services for almost five years as a management committee member. Chee Meng believes in giving back to society and helping others. This spirit of service stems from his firm belief that one should always remember his roots and be grateful for the nurture and opportunities given. His guiding principle is based on a simple Chinese idiom, "取诸社会，用诸社会".

Chee Meng enjoys spending time with his family, going for walks and cycling. He is a big football fan. As a boy, he cheered on the Singapore team in the Malaysia Cup. His favourite football memory remains the 1994 Malaysia Cup final. He also enjoys most sports and reading.

Summary of Statement

In my years in the SAF, I have learnt invaluable leadership skills. I have discharged my duties to the best of my abilities, without fear or favour. I have always done my utmost for the interest and welfare of my people.

I am deeply grateful for my time in the SAF which has given me a lifetime of friendships with the wonderful men and women whom I have served with. From them, I learnt that being a good leader comes not only from ability, but also from having the heart to serve.

I hope to continue to serve my country and fellow Singaporeans. If I am given the honour, I will serve with integrity, heart and humility. I believe that together, we can co-create a Singapore where our children can have a happy future and lead meaningful lives in a safe and thriving Singapore.

Personal Quote:

“I believe that we must always remember our roots, and be grateful for the opportunities Singapore has given to us. I also believe that we should always give back to society so that our future generations will have the chance to do even better.”