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## BE SOMEBODY

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**RSN WORKPLAN 04/05**

*Constantly ready and transforming in a changing world*

**TORPEDOS AWAY!**

*Another Successful RSN-IN ASW Exercise*



Republic of Singapore Navy



■ RADM Ronnie Tay  
Chief of Navy

## A Word from CNV

As we complete an eventful workyear, another exciting year of new challenges and targets lies ahead of us. Workplan seminars are good occasions for taking fixes to see how far we have come and whether we are on-track with meeting our objectives. They are also important for reflecting on our changing environment and charting new courses to best steer the Navy into new oceans of discovery. I urge all of you who have put much energy and creative effort into developing the various workplans across the formations and HQ departments to translate them all into tangible outcomes of excellence to give us the winning edge in all that we undertake.

On the softer organisational culture side of things, the RSN is working with MediaWorks on a drama serial to bring the unique culture and special bonds of our Navy Family closer to the public. It should also prove to be an enriching sharing experience among members of the Navy as well as with our family members.

Around the same period, the RSN will be launching our corporate publicity campaign. Its aim will be to illustrate vividly the importance of maritime security to Singapore and the role that the RSN plays.

The Changi Naval Base Open House coming up on 29-30 May will be another good opportunity for the Navy Family to share with our loved ones and wider community the vital work that we do in ensuring the seaward defence of Singapore. I look forward to seeing all of you then.

To all the men and women of the Navy - thank you for your hard work and commitment over the past workyear. I am sure that we will bring this passion and commitment into the new year, even as we strive to be constantly ready and transforming in a changing world. Enjoy what we do and have another fulfilling workyear ahead!

Chief of Navy's Message



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Picture by Kimitsu Yogachi  
(MediaWorks stars and RSN  
personnel filming onboard  
RSS Persistence)



◀ Back Page:  
Text by MAJ Irvin Lim,  
File Photo.

## Courtesy Calls on CNV



■ RADM Jorgen Ericsson,  
Navy Inspector, Royal  
Swedish Navy. He was  
conferred Singapore's  
prestigious Meritorious  
Service Medal (Military)  
on 2 Mar.



■ FADM Soeparno,  
Commander West Fleet  
Sea Security Group,  
TNI-AL.

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# Minister Visits 171 and 191



**THE** Minister for Defence, RADM (NS) Teo Chee Hean, visited 171 and 191 Squadrons at Changi Naval Base (CNB) on 3 Mar. During his visit, he was accompanied by Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay and Fleet Commander, COL James Soon.

RADM (NS) Teo visited RSS Conqueror and 171 Squadron HQ, where he was briefed by CO 171 Sqn, COL Cyril Lee. He then proceeded to RSS Endurance for a briefing by CO 191 Sqn, LTC S. S. Chopra. RADM (NS) Teo interacted with the crew of RSS Endurance, 171 Squadron and 191 Squadron during an informal meet-the-people session. He congratulated the personnel involved in the Iraqi



reconstruction efforts and 171 Squadron for the successful return of all four submarines.

In his address, RADM (NS) Teo emphasised the importance of the Iraq reconstruction mission, making reference to the anti-terrorist efforts, "From time to time, we will have to go out there and help solve these problems, before the problems come over here and arrive at our doorstep."

RADM (NS) also added that RSN's professionalism during the mission had brought credit to the RSN and recognition from other Coalition forces including the Americans and French counterparts, "The reputation is built by what you do and how you operate. It is not something which... you can put on an TV advertisement and try to convince people about."

- Kimi

# 2PS Visits COSCOM



**SECOND** Permanent Secretary (Defence) Dr Tan Kim Siew visited COSCOM at Tuas Naval Base on 30 Apr. The visit was hosted by Commander COSCOM, COL Chng Teow Hiang, accompanied by Head Naval Operations, RADM Sim Gim Guan.

During the visit, Dr Tan was briefed on COSCOM's operational functions and capabilities. He also responded to queries on manpower and human resource issues during separate interaction sessions with the Officers and WOSR corps.

- Kimi



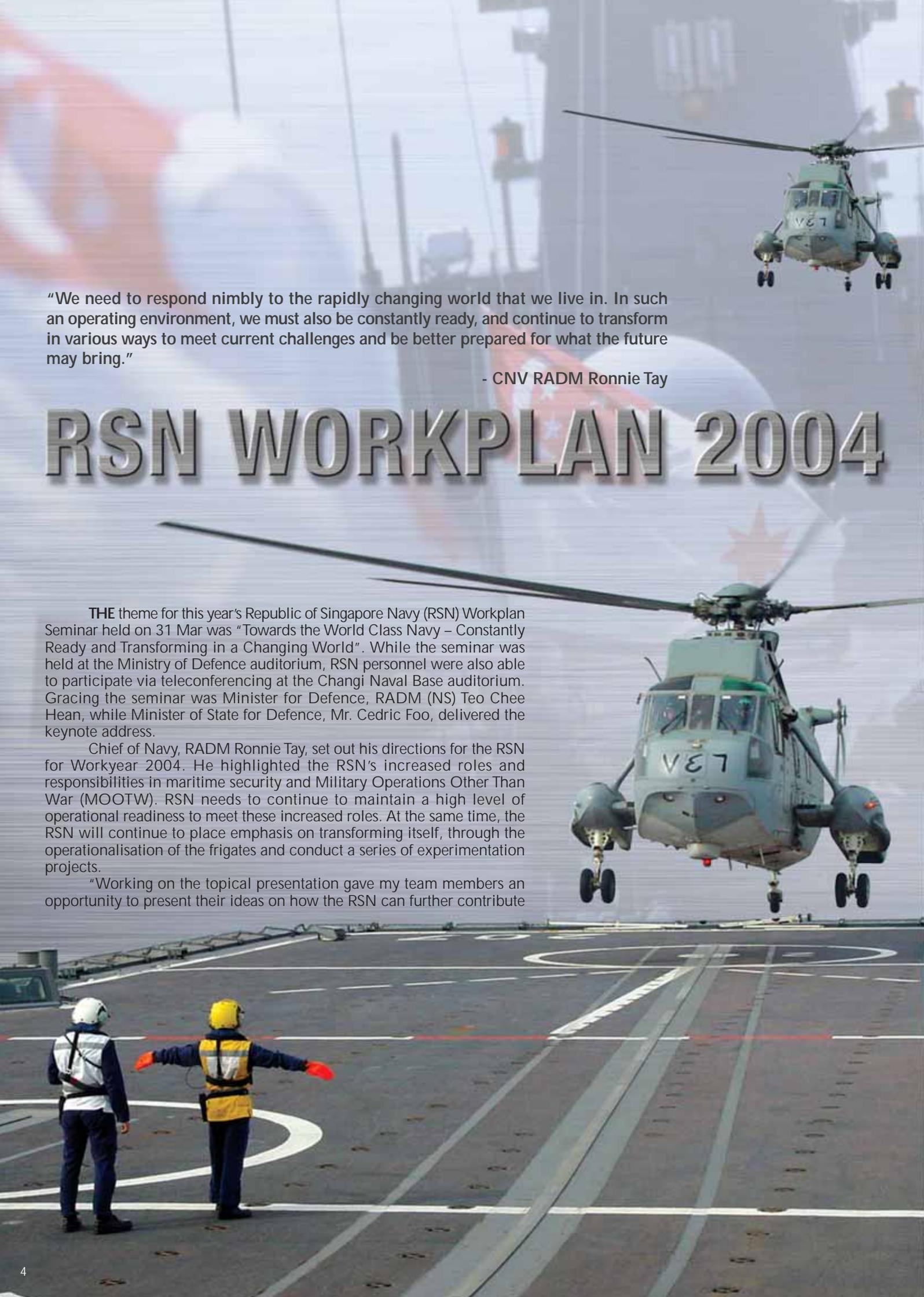
# ACCORD Visits TRACOM

**THE** Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD) visited the Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Training Command (TRACOM) at Tuas Naval Base on 5 Apr. During the visit, an appreciation ceremony was held for four ACCORD members who have completed their tenure. Minister of State for Defence and Chairman of

ACCORD, Mr Cedric Foo presented them with tokens of appreciation. The visit provided ACCORD and its Alumni members an insight into the operational readiness of the RSN as well as how the SAF leverages on advanced training simulation technology to meet the expanding demands of modern warfare.

- Kimi





“We need to respond nimbly to the rapidly changing world that we live in. In such an operating environment, we must also be constantly ready, and continue to transform in various ways to meet current challenges and be better prepared for what the future may bring.”

- CNV RADM Ronnie Tay

# RSN WORKPLAN 2004

**THE** theme for this year’s Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) Workplan Seminar held on 31 Mar was “Towards the World Class Navy – Constantly Ready and Transforming in a Changing World”. While the seminar was held at the Ministry of Defence auditorium, RSN personnel were also able to participate via teleconferencing at the Changi Naval Base auditorium. Gracing the seminar was Minister for Defence, RADM (NS) Teo Chee Hean, while Minister of State for Defence, Mr. Cedric Foo, delivered the keynote address.

Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay, set out his directions for the RSN for Workyear 2004. He highlighted the RSN’s increased roles and responsibilities in maritime security and Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW). RSN needs to continue to maintain a high level of operational readiness to meet these increased roles. At the same time, the RSN will continue to place emphasis on transforming itself, through the operationalisation of the frigates and conduct a series of experimentation projects.

“Working on the topical presentation gave my team members an opportunity to present their ideas on how the RSN can further contribute



in enhancing the SAF's role in deterrence and diplomacy well into the future in front of an important audience. It has been an enriching and satisfying experience for them and myself", said MAJ Lee Swee Ann, one of the study team leaders involved in the workplan.

And as another team leader, MAJ Lim Khia Teck, said: "My team gave a presentation on the future of Naval training. We came to the conclusion that excellence and commitment in training harnesses the full potential of our Naval personnel to successfully fulfil any demanding mission required of us."

RADM Tay pointed out to seminar participants that with the increased capabilities and operations, exercising fiscal prudence has become a way of life in the RSN. Management frameworks will be put in place to better manage resources. Finally, RADM Tay stressed that people remained the key factor to RSN's success. The review of officers' training, enlarging WOSR warfare roles on the new frigates and developing routes of advancement for our personnel are some of the initiatives that will be undertaken.





# Sea Riding Team Set to Make Waves

**AN** effective naval fighting force is one that is always operationally ready, sea-worthy and most importantly a safety-conscious one. The Sea Riding Team (SRT) was established in mid-2003 to enhance the safety and operational processes of our naval units operating at sea.

Comprising 3 officers and 2 warrant officers, the SRT is led by LTC Alec Lim of 171 Squadron. These experienced members are all highly specialised and trained in their respective professions.

The mission of the team is to create value enhancement to the RSN by promoting good practices, especially with regards to safety issues such as Navigation/Seamanship, Engineering, Personal Safety and Fire-Fighting Damage Control.

The SRT will tag along for sorties onboard the various vessels across different platforms throughout the year. Whilst the ships' crews carry on with their tasks at hand, the SRT observe their actions in the background, and provide recommendation after the sorties.



■ *Sea Riders - coming your way.*

Said LTC Lim: "There is a need to share good practices, especially to the younger generation. They may unconsciously forget the basic fundamentals during their course of work or when under pressure. For example, we have observed during our sorties that fixtures onboard the ships may not be strapped down in case of rough weather or personnel not maintaining a tidy bunk."

After each sortie, a debrief will be held where observations and suggestions are shared with the ship's

crew. LTC Lim stressed that the role of the SRT is to provide recommendations and not enforcement.

2WO Jesvinder Singh from 185 Squadron, who is also a member of the SRT, believes that even with the high safety standards and best practices in place, there is always room for improvement. "Day in, day out, the crew may get jaded listening to their coxswain or officers harping on the same issues. After a while, the message may not get across to them. However,

we are seen as a third-party and they tend to be more receptive to our 'different perspectives'," said 2WO Singh.

The concept of the SRT was mooted by former Commander TRACOM, COL Tan Wei Ming. The current members perform their SRT duties concurrently with their primary jobs. LTC Lim said: "The results of our efforts have been very encouraging as they jumpstart the learning curve of the younger sailors. I would definitely like to see the SRT expand."

- Kimi



■ *Watch me splash...*

## Swimming Proficiency Screen for Pre-Enlistees

A pre-enlistment screening initiative between Naval Personnel Department (NPD) and Institute of Naval Technologies and Operations (INTO) was set up recently. The inaugural swimming proficiency screening test was conducted at INTO on 4 Mar. Ten Pre-enlistees, 8 males and 2 females were asked to swim 50 metres, followed by water-treading for 3 minutes and finally jump off a 3-metre diving platform.

Commanding Officer INTO, LTC Choo Ah Choon explained the objective

of the test was to determine the enlistees' proficiency in swimming and tolerance for height, as all naval specialists must attain CAT 1 Swimming status before they can be deployed for duties onboard ships. In the past, a few regular servicemen could not pass the swimming test and had to leave the RSN due to fear of height or inability to swim. This initiative is a positive step toward ensuring we continue to select quality people for a quality navy.

- Article contributed by Mr Chua Peng Huat

## Underwater Warfare Forum 2004

**THE** 2nd Underwater Warfare (UW) Forum was organised at the Changi Defence Squadron (CDS) Auditorium on 23 Feb. About 80 personnel from 188, 189 and 171 Sqn, NUWC, NLO, DSTA and DSO attended the forum. Gracing the event was Fleet Commander, COL James Soon.

In his welcome address, Head NUWC, COL Ng Seng Leong highlighted the challenges the Underwater Warfare

community faces, especially with the limited manpower and resources. COL Ng stressed that it was crucial for NUWC to establish close partnerships with the various internal units and external establishments to leverage on and integrate the wide field of UW expertise.

COL Soon told the audience that the NUWC was an initiative to better harness and exploit the advances in technology and system hardware in our

unique operational environment. He also encouraged participants to explore UW technology beyond the military context – in the areas of commercial application where such technology was flourishing.

During the forum, various papers, on underwater warfare were presented by the participants from NID, 171 and 189 Squadrons, NUWC and DSO.

- Article contributed by Mr Felix Fong



# India and Singapore Navies in Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise



**THE** Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) conducted the 11th annual Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise in Kochi, India, from 7 – 19 Mar. The exercise was jointly opened by IN Chief of Staff Rear-Admiral Rakesh Kala NM and RSN Commander First Flotilla COL Ng Chee Peng.

The exercise comprised of two

sea phases and three harbour phases. The highlight of this year's sea phase was the firing of an exercise torpedo by one of the RSN's anti-submarine patrol vessels. This marks the second time that the RSN has fired a torpedo at a submarine.

The harbour phase included training and professional interactions between the RSN and the Indian Naval

Training establishments at Kochi such as the ASW School, and the Navigation and Direction School. They also visited the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory where indigenous and latest technologies in underwater acoustics and sonar were displayed.

Both navies also participated in community service at a local school for children with special needs.

- Kimo



■ COL Ng and RADM Pradeep Kaushiva exchanging mementos.



## 28th JWOC Promotion Ceremony and Dining-In



**TEN** RSN specialists were promoted to 2nd Warrant Officers after successfully completing the Joint Warrant Officer Course at SAFWOS from 5 Jan to 29 Feb. The 28th Joint Warrant Officer Course (JWOC) Promotion Ceremony and Dining-in was held at the Orchid Country Club on 26 Feb.

In his speech to the graduates, Guest-of-Honour, Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay said: "I urge all of you to be shining examples of our Core Values. You are expected to uphold the sense of professionalism, commitment and dedication that the Warrant Officers symbolise and carry forth the aspirations of your predecessors."

The Book-prize winner from the Navy was 2WO

Teo Boon Chuang (Coxswain RSS Centurion). He commented: "The course was purposeful in equipping and preparing us with the knowledge and skills to be effective leaders. In addition, it provided us with the opportunity to create a network with our counterparts from the other services."

- Article contributed by MWO Lim Chock Sing

## Maritime Law and Security Seminar Down Under



■ RSN participant MAJ Jamie Yee recently attended the inaugural Maritime Law and Security Seminar held at Canberra from 22 Mar -2 Apr 2004 along with colleagues from the regional navies. The seminar was conducted by the Centre for Maritime Research, University of Wollongong.



■ Commodore James Goldrick, Commandant, Australian Defence Force Academy, shares his operational experience as former Commander of the Coalition Task Group responsible for UN sanctions enforcement in the Persian Gulf with seminar participants.

# Be Somebody!

...Just follow the Shooting Stars

Story and Photos by Kimitsu Yogachi



■ See any familiar faces?



■ Sailing through stormy weather.



■ Navy Idol in the making?

**SHOOTING** is in progress for the Republic of Singapore Navy's second Chinese language drama serial. You may have seen and wondered what a film crew and some local celebrities were doing at Changi Naval Base or Tuas Naval Base recently.

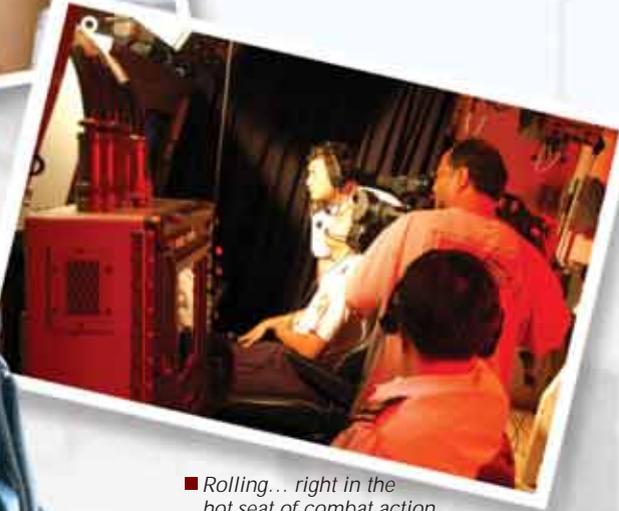
Titled "Be Somebody", the 6-parter will be aired on MediaWorks' Channel U come 25 May, featuring local celebrities Ann Kok, Ix Shen, Darren Lim, Peter Yu and Apple Hong. Interestingly, veteran artistes Lee Wen Hai, Wang Guanwu and Tang Miao Ling, who appeared in the first navy drama serial 14 years ago, will also feature in this drama.

The drama is targeted at both the public and internal audiences alike. It allows the public to have a better insight into our unique heartware - our naval lifestyle and culture, as well as a peek at some of the RSN's new hardware capabilities. It also serves as a tribute to our dedicated RSN personnel by showcasing their professionalism and commitment.

Of course, worthy of any good TV drama serial, it will be spiced up with lots of action with a captivating storyline that should keep viewers glued to their TV screens. But as they say, life can often be more exciting and stranger than any filmic fiction. For that, those thinking of a challenging career will have to step forward to join the navy to find out more.

Said MediaWorks' veteran actor Lee Wen Hai who plays a Missile Corvette Coxswain, 1WO Winston Lau, this time round: "It is great to be back 14 years later to find that the Navy has advanced by leaps and bounce, and is very well-equipped now."

■ *Love rules the waves.*



■ *Rolling... right in the hot seat of combat action.*



### Zoe Tay's RSN Connection

Did you know that MediaCorp artiste Zoe Tay was part of the Navy once upon a time? Yes, as a Medical Officer in the Naval Diving Unit to be exact.

Okay, okay, that was on the then-Singapore Broadcasting Corporation (SBC) Channel 8's Chinese drama serial.

The 16-episode drama serial in Chinese language aired from 17 Jul – 9 Aug 90. It also starred other veteran actors such as Chen Tianwen, Shen Jinxing and Wang Guanwu. Some 20 RSN personnel were also given the rare opportunity to act in the drama.

Before the filming, the SBC artistes had to undergo diving instruction, making Zoe Tay the first female to experience NDU's diving circuit. However, due to the less than desirable conditions for filming in Singapore waters, the cast and crew did much of the underwater filming in the azure waters of Phuket Island, Thailand.

Over the years, through creative productions such as drama serials, the RSN has worked closely with the various media to increase public awareness of the important role it plays in the defence of Singapore, and also to project the professionalism of naval personnel.

The latest Mediawork drama production currently in production should attract strong popular viewership with the stellar cast lined-up, and further connect our Navy Family to the general public who we serve.



■ *Lots of leg work and camera work.*



■ *We are back... after 14 years.*



■ *Who wants to play extra?*



# HQ RSN Goes Wet and Wild@Big Splash!



A 'Wet and Wild' HQ RSN Family Day was held at Big Splash on 13 Mar. Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay was the Guest of Honour for the event. The event kicked off with RADM Tay firing a confetti gun after a short address. There were magic shows, funfair games, tattoo artists, caricatures, candy-floss and popcorn stands, and the exciting water games

– creating a fairground atmosphere.

The Family Day fostered a closer working relationship and Esprit-de-Corp amongst HQ RSN personnel. It was certainly a fun-filled family bonding Saturday morning for HQ RSN personnel and their family members alike.

- Kimi

## Naval Logistics Management Seminar

THE annual Naval Logistics Management Seminar (NLMS) was organised at Sembawang Country Club on 11 – 12 Mar. The NLMS, first introduced in 1998, provides a unique opportunity for NLO management and officers from the various formations to discuss major issues affecting NLO. Past seminars have generated new ideas such as the NLO strategic plan, Training Road Map for Logistics Officers, RAM Pier-side and 6 Sigma Initiatives.

This year's topics centred on engine room competencies, combat systems, strategies and feedback from logistics officers which included feedback on business, competencies, cohesive, staff development and excess baggage.

The event was organised by LOPB and facilitated by

Dy HNL(OL) Mr Teo Hoon Beng, Dy HNL(CS) LTC Chen Yeang Tat and Dy HNL(PS) LTC Wong Poon Chee. To help capture the many new ideas generated from the seminar, new tools such as the Mind Manager software were introduced.

Wrapping up the seminar, Head Naval Logistics, COL Kwan Wan Hor, took the opportunity to stress the need to constantly improve communication within NLO. He also added that the younger officers in the logistics community must constantly strive to be at the leading edge of the learning curve, improve on systems knowledge and grow niche knowledge areas, in order for them to take over the helm in future.

- Article contributed by Mr Gunasekaran



# Pers Hub - At Your Service!

**PERS** Hub – a one-stop, customer-centric centre providing personnel and career management services – has now moved closer to you. It was officially launched at Tuas Naval Base on 5 Mar. During the opening, Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay witnessed the signing of the Pers Hub's Promise Statement by Head Naval Personnel, LTC Seow Hwye Min.

The Pers Hub Team conducted briefing sessions throughout the day. During the briefs, they outlined to visitors the services provided and the office's working processes.

Said Head Pers Hub, Ms Loretta Hong: "We hope to be the place that all RSN personnel will visit or think of when they have queries regarding personnel or career management issues."

Pers Hub was set up to streamline the process of

responding to HR queries and providing increased convenience for personnel at the base.

Since its official launch, Pers Hub has already received many enquiries from servicemen and servicewomen. To date, Pers Hub has stayed true to its promise of responding to general enquiries within 3 working days, and individual-specific queries within 10 working days.

Pers Hub continues to strive towards achieving its goal of bringing NPD closer to the personnel at the base by providing responsive, friendly and efficient services to all servicemen and servicewomen. So the next time you encounter career management or personnel issues, don't forget that Pers Hub is at your service, just around the corner!

- Kimi



■ CNV witnessing the launch of Pers Hub.



■ Quality service – now, that's our promise

# COSCOM Cohesion Day

**THE** COSCOM Cohesion and COPAQ Day was held on 18 Mar. More than 200 COSCOM personnel attended the function, where safety commendations and PRIDE awards were given out during the ceremony.

A total of 90 safety appointment certificates were presented to members of the COSCOM Safety Committee. 41 quality awards were also presented. The

main awards were Best USMS and UWMS Units, which went to 194 and 182 squadron respectively. Letters of appointment were also handed out to the new members of the Unit Safety Committee and the incoming COPAQ chairmen.

COSCOM personnel were also educated on the importance of personal and unit security during an interesting

talk conducted by MSD. A safety exhibition was set up to increase awareness of the importance of safety.

The day proved to be an interesting and rewarding day for COSCOM personnel as they were educated on various safety and security issues in a fun way.

- Article contributed by CPT Louis Ching



# INTO turns Proud 35... with Humble Reflection

**INTO** celebrated its 35th anniversary at Civil Service Club on 27 Feb. The theme for the celebration was "From a humble beginning..." a reflection of the rich and proud naval training history in RSN.

The celebrations started off with a multimedia presentation, tracing back the roots of naval training in RSN since 1968 at Pulau Belakang Mati, and a glimpse into the future with the opening of CNTB.

In his welcoming address, CO INTO, LTC Choo Ah Choon, highlighted the significant achievements of INTO, and paid a special tribute to the hardwork and dedication by everyone involved in INTO's success journey over the years.

Together with their spouses, INTO personnel were treated to a night of fine food, attractive lucky draws, magic show, games and commemorative mementoes.

- Article contributed by SWO Kwok Ping Choon



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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SINGAPORE BIATHLON

21 March 2004

*Text and Photos by Kimitsu Yogachi*



Over 1400 participants made a big splash and pumped up the sweat with a fast-paced 1.5km swim and 10km run at Siloso Beach, Sentosa. Navy News brings you exhilarating snapshots of the action at this year's event, co-organized by SAFRA, RSN (NDU) and Singapore Sports Council.





■ Working with harmony onboard.

**“I want my passions in life to be able to benefit others...”**  
**CPT Terence Quek strongly believes that he should use his talents to benefit others. He is actively involved in community service, among which includes composing music for a local music compilation for charity.**



## A Sailor's Song & More... Beyond the Art of War

*Story and Photos by Kimitsu Yogachi*

**BY** day, CPT Quek, 29, is an Executive Officer onboard RSS Sea Scorpion. He has had a deep passion for music and the creative arts since his childhood days. It was a surprise to this writer that he had no professional training in either. He has written and composed many songs and has made good with some of his compositions by contributing them for charitable causes. The most recent involvement was for a CD entitled “Parcel of Love”. It is a tribute to teachers and mentors, with proceeds from CD sale going to the education fund at Beyond Social Services, a charitable organisation. The drive raised a sum of \$3000 for them.

To date he has also devoted his free time to the various charities and their events by being a caricaturist during carnivals and emceeing at events. However he will not stop there: his other plans include writing a book for charity. He hinted that it would be an illustrated literature that will appeal to both young and old. Our very own Harry Potter storyteller in the making?

His love for music also inspired him to compose a song for his previous ship, RSS Sea Tiger. A music video (MTV) was also filmed by the crew during their recreational time. CPT Quek believes that the specially-composed song had brought his men and officers closer and created a strong bond amongst the crew. CPL (NS) Simon Khoo, who was

onboard the same ship and helped make the MTV, shared similar sentiments, “The crew bonded closely during the recording, and even those who had been posted to other units came back just for that! But the most important lesson I’ve learnt from CPT Quek was to be optimistic in life, and to take things in stride, no matter how tough they may be.”

On why he composed a ship song, CPT Quek explained: “We routinely conduct our exercises and missions in rough seas, especially during the monsoon seasons. Although the training is tough and weather may be bad, it is always heartening to see everyone onboard persevering to successfully complete our tasks. This was the motivation for me to compose the song as a tribute to the people.” He also wanted everyone onboard to take home “something to remember” and also to “leave a legacy behind”.

CPT Quek reiterated that professionalism was key to managing his crew. “During the day, we make sure that we worked hard. After work, we try to come together as a crew to enjoy ourselves and foster team spirit and camaraderie.”

Interestingly enough,

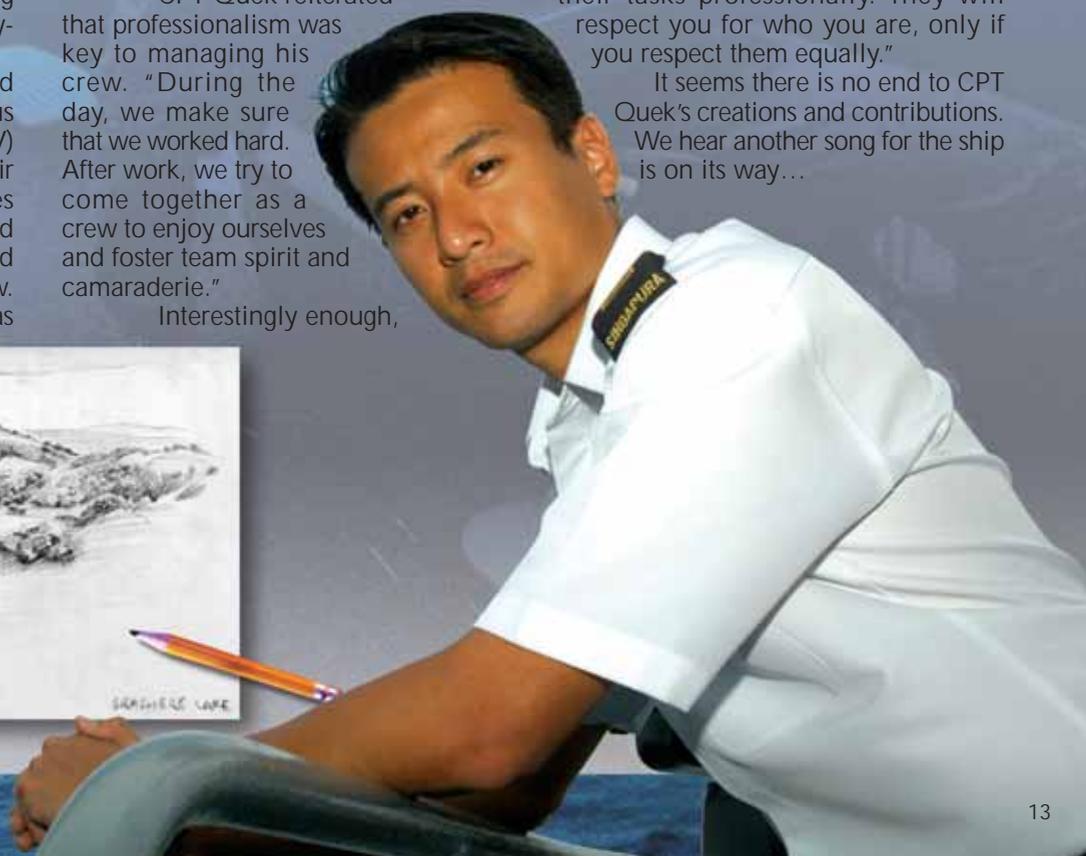
some of our readers may have even seen CPT Quek in a few of our popular local magazines recently for his charitable efforts and talents.

It is also his maxim to make a difference in someone else’s life. He constantly challenges his crew: “Is that the best you can do? There is no ‘can’t’ or ‘don’t know’ – these are merely limiting beliefs.”

His Commanding Officer, MAJ Tay Poh Ling said: “Although he is actively involved in his charity work, he remains very focused on his job onboard the ship. He is definitely one whose maturity surpasses his age – he can foresee problems that others may not, and pre-empts them in a professional manner.”

CPT Quek constantly makes an effort to connect to his crew members. He said: “It’s not just asking ‘how are you today?’. It’s about holding the person in high regard so that they will perform their tasks professionally. They will respect you for who you are, only if you respect them equally.”

It seems there is no end to CPT Quek’s creations and contributions. We hear another song for the ship is on its way...





# 1st COSCOM Water Polo Championship

THE 1st COSCOM Water Polo Championship was held at the KHATIB Swimming Complex on 30 Mar. About one hundred players from the various COSCOM units participated in the inaugural championship.

"I am very pleased with the turnout and good response from the units!" said MAJ Kumar, COSCOM's Sport Officer.

Inter-COSCOM games are now structured into seven groups

to increase competitiveness and attract more players for future sports championships.

HQ NDU/Dive School clinched the champions title after beating the resilient 181 Sqn/HQ COSCOM team in the finals.

Players from COSCOM, HQ RSN and NDU teams will form a combined team for the RSN Inter-Group Water Polo Championship to be held on 12 Apr and 23 Apr.



## Swimmers Do Us Proud!



288 swimmers from 14 formations congregated at Changi Naval Base Swimming Complex for the 35<sup>th</sup> SAFSA Swimming Meet on 8 Mar. This marked the first time the meet was held at the Sports Complex. Participants from the other SAF Formations were impressed with the infrastructure and facilities in the complex.

63 swimmers from the RSN did us proud by clinching both the Men's and Women's division championship. Gracing

the finals was the Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay, who started the first event of the day.

CPL Yong Chun Hui (INTO) and LCP Sng Ju Wei (NMHC) broke the meet records for 50m Freestyle (Men's Intermediate) and 400m Freestyle (Men's Open) respectively. CPL Yong also put the icing on the cake by capturing the Most Outstanding Swimmer Award in the Men's Intermediate category.

## 3rd Flotilla Cohesion-Family Day

THE family members of Third Flotilla personnel joined in the Flotilla's Cohesion Day onboard the Civil Resource ship, MV Avatar at Tuas Naval Base on 30 Jan. Commander Third Flotilla, COL Soh Guan Huat graced the occasion.

Many went on a tour onboard

MV Avatar before enjoying the Telematch games played onboard the vessel. A 'ship' building competition was also organised with contestants using cardboards, styrofoam, sticks and vanguard sheets to build the best ship model.

It was indeed a rare opportunity

for members of Third Flotilla, who are stationed in various parts of Singapore – 191 SQN in Changi Naval Base, 195 SQN at Tg Berlayer and 192/3 SQN in Tuas Naval Base to come together for a day of fun-filled team bonding activities.

# This Is No Ordinary Open House!

Come to SAF Yacht Club, Changi Clubhouse's First Open House this May 29th and 30th 2004 and have a whoopee day out in the east. Not just the east but the most eastern part of Singapore.

### Top 10 Reasons why You should come:

1. A chance to check out every nook and cranny in our new clubhouse (we'll provide an escort too)
2. We'll excite you with our awesome and hair-raising games.
3. Freedom to jump on our Honeymoon suite bed without checking in.
4. Kids take note: Clowns, Giant Inflatables, Ice-cream...
5. A Flea market without the fleas, just the itch to buy and sell.
6. Fair Stalls selling exotic, weird and cool stuff.
7. Your Friends will go home with tears of joy when they see our Open House Membership Joining Rates!!
8. We love to show off our boats, we'll even allow you to touch and feel them.
9. Be a proud owner of a limited SAF Yacht Club souvenir.
10. Everyone's favourite word: Food!

**Need we say more ... Join in the Fun, Everyone is Invited!**

Fair stalls and flea market spots for rent. Call Angel @ 6389 3750. Application closing date: 19 May 2004.





CHANGI NAVAL BASE



# HEAD ON DOWN TO THE NAVY OPEN HOUSE

To commemorate the official opening of Changi Naval Base in May, the Republic of Singapore Navy will be hosting an Open House at Changi Naval Base.

There will be an exciting line up of activities for all ages at the Open House. Come view the advance weapon systems and naval technologies. Experience the challenging naval life onboard our ships. Explore the new frontiers of naval warfare.

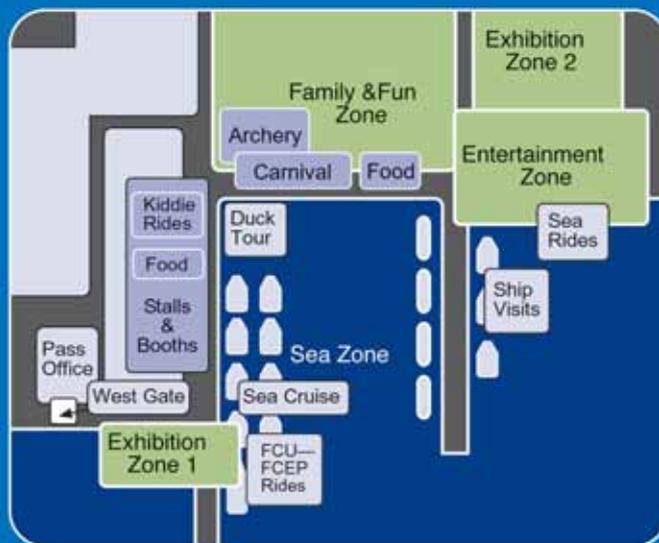
All are invited to come. So take this rare opportunity to visit and cruise aboard our Navy ships!

## Opening Hours

29 May, Saturday 12pm — 9pm  
30 May, Sunday 10am — 6pm

## Highlights

- Exciting sea rides and cruises
- Fairground rides
- Ship visits
- Performances by SAF Music & Drama Company
- Live music by school bands
- Appearances by local celebrities



## Getting There...

Complimentary shuttle bus service to Changi Naval Base will be provided from the Singapore Expo.

Visitors are strongly advised to take public transport there.

Drivers should park at the Singapore Expo (regular parking charges apply).



The SAF Officers Wives' Club (SAF OWC) will be selling limited edition Navy memorabilia, such as these fridge magnets and water-bottles at the Navy Open House. Proceeds collected from the sale of the items will be donated to SAF Benevolent Fund, MINDS and The Straits Times Pocket Money Fund.

Be sure to look for the OWC booths at the Open House. Hurry, while stocks last!



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