Army Open House 2022 Visit by ACCORD E&B Members and their Business Associates

On 26th May 2022, Senior Minister of State (SMS) for Defence Minister Mr Heng Chee How and SMS Zaqy Mohamad visited the Army Open House 2022 (AOH22) with members of the Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD). Members of the ACCORD Employer and Business Council also invited their business associates to the visit.

During the visit, members saw the Red Lions in action and enjoyed a tour of the Singapore Army's assets and platforms that were on display. The highlight of the tour was the enriching NS55 showcase which showed how the National Service transformed over the past 55 years.





Members enjoying a tour of the many SAF assets and platforms that were on display during AOH22.





The Red Lions wowing members with their display of skills!



Members enjoying the displays in NS55 showcase.

After the site tour, an engagement and networking session followed where SMS Heng engaged members and spoke about the importance of employers' support for NS.



Mr Heng engaging members and sharing on the importance of support from businesses and employers for National Service to ensure peace and stability for Singapore.



SMS Heng (centre on the front row), together with Mr Tony Chew (second from right on the first row), Co-Chair of ACCORD E&B Council, in a group photo with some of our members.

Mr Alvin Yeo, Founder of Faith Music Centre thanked the organising committee and was very happy to have attended AOH22. "On behalf of my colleagues from Faith Music Centre, we will like to extend a big thank you for the invitation to the Army Open House. Three of my colleagues who attended the event had never served in National Service, so we had a wonderful experience at the event. One of them even highlighted that this was the first time she ever sat inside an SAF vehicle and shared the experience with her husband excitedly! Many of our staff and students are persons with disabilities and the experience from the event provided us with the opportunity to understand the capabilities of the SAF, how it transform over the past 55 years and the importance of NS towards our national defence. We are in full support of National Service and the Army!"

To show their support towards NS, Faith Music Centre pledged their support for NS and was accredited with the NS Mark (Gold) for their efforts in implementing pro-NS policies and practices.

AOH22 provided members with a better understanding of how NS transformed over the past 55 years through the NS55 showcase, as well as the importance of businesses and employers' support for NS in ensuring peace and stability in Singapore. Many of the members had since pledged support towards NS and were awarded NS Mark or NS Mark (Gold) under the NS Mark accreditation scheme.

For more information on the NS Mark accreditation scheme and how your company can support NS, please visit <u>go.gov.sg/ns-mark-scheme</u>.