

On 16 March 2023, over 90 enthusiastic employers visited the Army Capabilities Display at Sungei Gedong Camp. Joining them were Mr Lam Yi Young and Ms Trina Liang, Co-Chairs of ACCORD's Employer & Business Council and Family & Community Council, respectively.



Employers and NSmen taking a group photo

BG(NS) Kenneth Liow, Director National Service Affairs, gave an opening address to show his appreciation to the employers for their support and interest in National Service (NS). He highlighted the importance of employers' support to Singapore's defence. Through the visit, the Army hopes that employers would gather a better understanding of NS and better appreciate our Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) as they fulfil their duties.

The various formations within our Army put together an exceptional set of static displays to demonstrate its full spectrum of capabilities and state-of-the-art platforms/assets to achieve mission success.



Employers gaining insights on how our Army leverages technology to improve systems and processes

Our employers also had the opportunity to try out the Armour Gunnery Manoeuvre Simulator (AGMS) as well as the Armour Driving Simulator (ADS), where they get to experience how our NSmen train and hone their firepower and driving skills in a safe environment.



Ambassadors from our Army giving our employers a glimpse of how our NSmen train using ADS

The highlight of the visit culminated in the Firepower Demonstration where our employers witnessed high-intensity live firing performed by the Leopard II SG (L2SG) Main Battle Tanks and the Hunter Armoured Fighting Vehicle (AFV). Spirits were high, even as the journey to the firing range on the 5-tonner was bumpy!



Employers watching the Hunter AFV's firing prowess during the Firepower Demonstration

One of the participants was Mr Marcus Tan, who came to the visit with his employer, Mr Tim Moylen, CTO of Shootsta Singapore. Mr Moylen commented, "Having seen what actually happens out here, I realise that NS commitment is quite demanding. For my employees with NS commitments, I will do my best to make sure they are not distracted by work requirements during their ICTs, so that they can concentrate on their NS duties."



Mr Tim Moylen (left) CTO of Shootsta Singapore, who attended the visit with Mr Ben Francis Jones (middle), Production Operations Manager and NSman employee, 1SG(NS) Marcus Tan (right).

Another participant of the visit was Mr Anthony Lee, Sales Manager of Yee Lee Oils and Foodstuffs, who was impressed with how our Army leverages on technology to achieve mission success. "I have gained a deeper understanding of the Army after this visit, and I am very impressed by how our Army leverages technology for training."



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At the end of the visit, COL Lim Han Yong, Head of National Service Affairs Department, reiterated our appreciation for employers' support. More importantly, he urged them to continue to show their support towards NS. He also encouraged the employers to apply for the NS Mark accreditation scheme to advocate their support towards NS.

The NS Mark is a national level accreditation scheme that recognises businesses and organisations with policies and human resources practices that support NS and Total Defence (TD). Since its launch in 2016, many employers had come on board the NS Mark Accreditation Scheme to show their support

towards NS and TD. For more information of the NS Mark Accreditation Scheme and how your company can support NS and your NSman employees, please visit go.gov.sg/ns-mark-scheme.