

New Board Member



**Brigadier-General Tan Kok Ming Desmond (陈国明)
Director, Joint Operations & Planning Directorate
Ministry of Defence**

Brigadier General Tan Kok Ming, Desmond joined the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) in December 1988 and earned his commission from Officer Cadet School at SAFTI Military Institute. BG Tan was awarded the SAF Merit Scholarship and graduated from Victoria University of Manchester in 1994 with a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honours).

Amongst the courses BG Tan has attended the United Kingdom Advanced Command and Staff course, the Defence Technology and Systems course, and the Governance and Leadership Programme. BG Tan was further awarded the SAF Postgraduate Scholarship and obtained a Master of Business Administration (Nanyang Fellows) jointly conferred by Nanyang Technological University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2008.

BG Tan's distinguished military career has seen him hold key appointments in the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and SAF. These include Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion Singapore Infantry Regiment, Commander of 3rd Singapore Infantry Brigade, Director of MINDEF Public Affairs, Chief Guards Officer and at present, Director of Joint Operations.

In recognition of his dedication and professional conduct, BG Tan has been awarded the SAF 20-years Long Service Award, Command Appointment Award and the Public Administration Medal – Bronze (Military). In addition, for his contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan as Singapore's National Contingent Commander, BG Tan was awarded the SAF Overseas Service Medal (Enhanced) and the NATO (ISAF) Medal.

BG Tan is married with three children.