

# SINGAPORE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

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## Fact Sheet

### TESTIMONIALS FROM SINGAPORE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT DELEGATES

“I am very glad to be invited to the Singapore Defence Technology Summit. It is not the question of if, but how we should incorporate innovation within our defence organisations. I think the most important one is social innovation – work in different ways, reach out to small and medium enterprises – and it is very important that the Tech Summit showed that to us. It was also very important that it showed us that the new innovations, the disruptive technologies and the 4th Industrial Revolution will affect defence in many, many ways. All the new developments which are happening – if you are talking about artificial intelligence, cyber, digitalisation, nanotechnology – all these things will affect humanity. And, that is why Tech Summit 2018 is so important – to have the dialogue with all the different nations and nationalities gathered here in Singapore.”

– **Vice ADM Arie Jan de Waard, National Armaments Director and Director, Defence Materiel Organisation, Netherlands**

“I am very impressed with two things. One is that the Singapore Defence Technology Summit is very well organised. They brought in a lot of different expertise and organisations, which is really reflecting different perspectives from different industries and different levels of interest. Secondly, I found this summit to be very valuable because many speakers are now talking about the convergence between the technology innovation from the enterprise and also the need for innovations in the defence industry. So by inviting them to one place and letting them discuss about this convergence seems to be a very valuable thing to do.”

– **Dr Hong Won-Pyo, President & CEO, Samsung SDS, South Korea**

“It has been great to be here at the Singapore Defence Technology Summit. The speakers and the panels so far have addressed a number of interesting issues. I really appreciate the opportunity to be here and to learn as well as share my experiences. I think that the whole idea of organising this Tech Summit is important as we all realise we are going through enormous changes in technology that are affecting private sectors as well as the military. And being able to pull together people from around the world to try to talk about what are the big developments going on, as well as the challenges they propose is important. The fact that Singapore has taken on the leadership role in organising this is something I am glad to see happen and I think this will be an important event to continue into the future.”

– **Professor Stuart Madnick, John Norris Maguire Professor of Information Technologies, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA**

“I am very pleased to have been invited as a speaker in this inaugural Singapore Defence Technology Summit. My gratitude to Chief Executive DSTA [Mr Tan Peng Yam] and his entire capable team for a successful summit. This summit was a great opportunity to meet technology experts in various fields. It also allowed me to share on SenseTime technologies and solutions, and my personal beliefs in how AI can benefit mankind and society in the most positive ways.”  
– **Professor Xiao'ou Tang, Founder, SenseTime, People's Republic of China**

“I was completely surprised by the level of participation – you have got international speakers and you have got locals... The exchange of knowledge was so open and free, so I think this is a great success of sharing what we are doing in Singapore with our counterparts from overseas, and what we are learning from our counterparts from overseas. So it is a sharing within Singapore itself, between the defence community and the rest of Singapore, and also between Singapore and other agencies around the world and corporations. I am completely engrossed by what has happened at this summit.”  
– **Professor Lui Pao Chuen, Adviser, National Research Foundation, Prime Minister's Office**

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