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GLOBAL EXCHANGE ON DIGITAL AND DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGIES AT THE SINGAPORE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT 2023

Recognising the key shifts in today's global security landscape and how digitalisation and dual-use technologies will play central roles, 40 eminent speakers – from across the government, military, commercial and academia sectors worldwide – will be leading major conversations on the most pressing topics facing defence technologies of today and tomorrow at the Singapore Defence Technology Summit (Tech Summit) 2023. Singapore's Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) will be hosting this Tech Summit, the fourth since its inception, at Shangri-La Singapore from 22 – 24 March 2023.

"Cutting-edge and innovative technology continue to shape conflict, and affect the balance of power between states. Digital and dual-use technologies, in particular, are undergoing a continued revolution, characterised by the rapid development and widespread availability of new technologies that have civilian or military applications," said Singapore's Senior Minister State for Defence Mr Zaqy Mohamad during his welcome remarks at Tech Summit 2023's opening dinner. "Over the next few days, I encourage tech leaders, industry captains and professionals to discuss the implications of these shifts in technology, and how they may apply to defence and security," he added.

This year's theme, Digital and Dual-use Technologies - Opportunities and Threats, will spur discussions centred around the technology lessons learnt from recent conflicts, ways to mitigate defence supply chain risks, the impact of the digitalisation wave and what these mean for the future of defence and warfighters, as well as how

the emergence of dual-use technologies will lead to new commercial-military partnerships and reshape defence ecosystems.

The dynamic line-up of conversations will include the Fireside Chat with Mr Bill McDermott, President and Chief Executive Officer of ServiceNow, and General Paul M. Nakasone, United States Army, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency / Chief, Central Security Service. Over 600 international participants – of which over 40% are foreign delegates – are expected at the Summit. The event will also be live-streamed to more than 800 participants globally via a virtual platform.

DSTA's Deputy Chief Executive (Operations) and Chairman of the Tech Summit Organising Committee, Mr Roy Chan, said: "The Tech Summit set out with an ambition to become a world-class platform to bring together thought leaders from government, industry, academia, and think tanks across the globe to network, share different ideas and viewpoints, and collaborate in the development of technology to confront future challenges in defence and security. Tech Summit 2023 purposefully incorporates different elements – from government leader remarks, fireside chats and plenary sessions, tech demos and a tech showcase area, as well as networking events and site visits – to facilitate meaningful engagements and outcomes. This year's strong showing once again demonstrated that the Tech Summit continues to draw great interest from the world's leading defence and security practitioners, senior government officials and distinguished academia."

As part of DSTA's efforts to inspire and nurture the next generation of thought leaders, decision-makers and technologists, arrangements have also been made for close to 200 students to participate in activities as part of this year's Tech Summit. On top of putting on their thinking hats in pre-event workshops and hackathons, students will also experience first-hand the latest technologies through a walkabout of the Tech Showcase, engagement with DSTA's robotics team, and even interact up close with industry leaders such as Mr Sean Gourley, Founder and Chief Executive of Primer and Mr Peter Ho, Executive Chairman of HOPE Technik, who are both speakers at Tech Summit 2023.

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