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News Release

5TH TECH SUMMIT TO TACKLE CHALLENGES OF AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

In a world increasingly marked by geopolitical tensions and evolving threats, the Singapore Defence Technology Summit (SDTS) 2025 will feature over 40 eminent speakers from 14 countries to offer deep insights into the most pertinent challenges facing the global defence tech landscape. Hosted by the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), the SDTS will be held at Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore, from March 18 – 20.

Speaking at the opening dinner on 18 March, Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen highlighted the importance of SDTS and emphasised the dual imperatives of continual innovation while ensuring responsible use of technology. He said, “This difficult tension with new discoveries – new technology on one hand improving our lives while on the other potentially causing harm – is a recurrent theme in the progress of mankind...I hope that this summit, in addition to being a platform to share scientific and technological know-how, also provides an avenue for you to have a voice in the use and safeguards for new discoveries.”

DSTA’s Chief Executive, Mr Ng Chad-Son said, “This year’s SDTS is taking place at an important time with a confluence of many factors – global conflict, geo-political uncertainty, growing defence budgets, fast moving technology – all leading to disruptive innovation in defence technology. Hence, the conversations that take place and collaborations that are forged are vital as we navigate the way forward.”

This fifth edition of SDTS will bring over 600 thought leaders, policymakers and technology experts from government, industry and academia together to explore the

roles of Technology and Partnership in Navigating an Uncertain Tomorrow. Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Heng Swee Keat will be delivering a keynote address on 19 March at the event.

Discussions will centre on how geo-politics and evolving threats are impacting technology. Through thought-provoking discussions, the conversations will spotlight on agility in accelerating technology innovations, the game-changing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in defence and security and other emerging technologies. Speakers will also discuss defence technology strategies to enable innovation and resilience.

With a strong line-up including Government Leader Remarks by Mr Seok Jonggun, Minister, Defense Acquisition Program Administration (Republic of Korea), Fireside Chat with industry titans such as Ms Safra Catz, Chief Executive Officer of Oracle (USA), Mr Palmer Luckey, Founder of Anduril Industries (USA)¹, as well as talks from rising tech players including Dr Guillaume Lample, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist of Mistral AI (France), Mr Brandon Tseng, President and Co-Founder of Shield AI (USA) and Mr Ivan Zhang, Co-Founder of Cohere (Canada), the SDTS is set to be a landmark event in shaping the next decade of technological progress and resilience.

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¹ Joining virtually