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Fact Sheet

TESTIMONIALS FROM SINGAPORE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT DELEGATES

“I want to commend the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) for hosting the Singapore Defence Technology Summit (Tech Summit) and pulling it off so successfully. Only in its third edition, the Tech Summit has been established as one of the most prominent technology conferences. The plenary sessions were insightful and featured a line-up of great speakers, allowing us to examine global issues. From the summit, I gather that we have identified the focus areas correctly. We need to work even harder with international consensus and unity to resolve challenges ahead of us.”

– Mr Kusti Salm, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Estonia

“I have enjoyed the Tech Summit as I got to meet top tech minds from around the world with different perspectives, backgrounds and expertise, which makes it very impactful. This helps me to understand the challenges we are facing, in ways that I previously had no idea about. It’s the meeting of minds. It’s about things that we can confirm and deny about the future. There’s no substitute for people talking to other people. I have been to many conferences, summits and seminars, but this has been the best so far. It was very well organised, very detailed-oriented.”

– Dr Sean McFate, Professor of Strategy, Georgetown University and National Defense University, USA

“What the Tech Summit is able to bring are the top technologies, the top companies, the top leaders, in the defence world. It is a unique opportunity for all of us to discuss and examine the future. It was heartening to know that we are all thinking about the same challenges, so now we have to collaborate closely and figure out how to deal with them together.”

– Dr Irit Idan, Executive Vice President for Research and Development, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Israel

“At this Tech Summit, one thing that stood out for me was that there was a clear message about why these conversations are so important – conversations on the idea of change, and

how people have to break from linear processes. The idea of working and collaborating closer with academia, start-ups and various forms of innovation, and how these partnerships could positively impact the defence sector. It is important to establish ways for all these organisations to collaborate together, instead of competing for talents.”

– **Dr Hao Li, CEO and Co-founder, Pinscreen, USA**

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