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Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen Seals Time Capsule As Part of THE CHEVRONS' Golden Jubilee

1. THE CHEVRONS celebrated its Golden Jubilee with Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen sealing a time capsule commissioned as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. Eight items of significance were placed into the time capsule by senior office holders of the club, including commemorative plaques from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Sergeant Major and service Sergeant Majors, a 50th anniversary commemorative book and coin, and a Golden Jubilee Bear.

2. As part of his opening address, Dr Ng commended the club's efforts in reinventing itself since its inception as the SAF Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Club 50 years ago. "Just like the SAF, the NCO Club has also been transformed through the years. It started out in 1974, when we took over the Britannia Club. Dr Goh wanted it to be a place where warrant officers and specialists could bond, as well as have recreational and educational activities... The current CHEVRONS in Jurong where we gather was first opened in 2002. It's been continuously upgraded, the chalets and function rooms were upgraded, and new bungalow units were done in 2017," he said.

3. Dr Ng also reaffirmed the importance of the Warrant Officer and Specialist (WOSpec) Corp and Military Expert (ME) Corp in the SAF, saying, "Without our NCOs, the honest truth is that the SAF would not be where it is today. As Chief Warrant Officer Chua said, the WOSpecs and MEs are repositories of soldier fundamentals. Without which no military can fight as one cohesive and nimble force no matter how well-equipped you are. Fundamentals like discipline, order, respect for authority, integrity, tenacity to complete the mission, dedication to fellow soldiers, safety and the SAF core values."

4. Also present at the Golden Jubilee Celebration were Chief of Defence Force and Club President of THE CHEVRONS Vice Admiral Aaron Beng, Commander, 9th Division/Chief Infantry Officer and Chairman, Management Committee of THE CHEVRONS Colonel Wong Shi Ming, SAF Sergeant Major and Deputy Chairman, Management Committee of THE CHEVRONS Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Chua Hock Guan, Sergeant Major of the Army CWO Sanjee Singh, Master Chief Navy ME6 Richard Goh, Air Force Command Chief ME6 Ng See Lye, Chief Expert, Digital and Intelligence Service ME5 Noh Kok Tiong, as well as former Club Chairmen, Sergeant Majors and pioneer members.

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