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Year 2020 - a new year, new beginning and the start of another century. This year is a special one for me as it saw me entering motherhood, a tiring yet immensely rewarding journey. These few months have been hectic as I'm learning how to juggle work and family, but thanks to my helpful colleagues, transiting back to work has been easier. Special thanks to Li Pin for standing in as editor for the previous two issues!

Speaking of new beginnings, this issue will talk about the Officer Cadet School (OCS) and Specialist Cadet School (SCS) journeys, a path that some of you will go through after Basic Military Training (BMT). In case you've missed it, you can refer to the previous issue for the BMT journey. In this issue, we talk about the types of training that cadets go through in OCS and SCS, and you can decide if it is as 'xiong' as you think! Under our Bookout Makan and Hangout column, we have sussed out places near SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) that you and your buddies can hang out after booking out, to unwind from the tough training.

Besides buddies, your trainers are also people whom you will be spending most of your time with. Under our People column, we find out how a pair of trainers shape their trainees' thinking and inspire them to do their best.

For this issue's Kopitalk with Commanders, we interviewed Commander, OCS and Commander, Specialist and Warrant Officer Institute who shared with us their leadership philosophy and how they ensure the curriculum in OCS and SCS still remains relevant today.

As the first quarter of the year comes to an end, and as the world tackles the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, remember to do your part and practise good hygiene! #TogetherWeCanOvercome

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"When the going gets tough, the tough gets going." Our soldiers working tirelessly to pack 5.2 million surgical masks, and ensuring its distribution throughout Singapore. Let us show our appreciation for these men!



Watch our soldiers in action now!

So you've completed your Basic Military Training in Tekong and some of you may be selected for either Officer Cadet School (OCS) or Specialist Cadet School (SCS). Have you ever wondered how training is like there? Is it as tough as what your friends have described? In this issue, we clear your doubts and take you through the training of an officer cadet and specialist cadet to find out what constitutes the making of a leader.

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OCS JOURNEY

As an officer cadet, your training will start on a common ground where officer cadets train together and are imbued with a common set of values and experiences, with a focus on leadership. Thereafter, officer cadets will be posted to respective services for the next phase of training.

For those who are posted to Our Army, prepare for a great journey ahead, you will be in good company!

Common Leadership Module (2 weeks)

In this phase of training, you will build up your competency levels for conventional and urban operations. The focus will be to develop your combat fitness and soldiering fundamentals, eventually you will be able to plan and execute section-level missions. You will be trained in areas such as:

- **Weapons Training:** You will be trained to operate weapons such as General Purpose Machine Gun, Singapore Assault Rifle - 21st Century (Sharpshooter) and Singapore Assault Rifle - 21st Century Grenade Launcher.
- **Urban Operations Training and Multi-Mission Range Complex Live Firing (up to Section level):** You will undergo training in stages. First, practical training will be conducted in-camp, before proceeding to field training in an urban environment. To build your confidence, you will eventually take part in a live firing exercise.
- **Non-urban Operations:** Similar to urban operations training, you will undergo training up to section level for conventional operations. Thereafter, you will be assessed as a section commander during a section live firing for conventional operations.
- **Basic Instructional Training:** To assist you in conceptualising lesson plans, you will be equipped with instructional techniques, allowing you to conduct basic activities such as physical training and route marches.

Service Term (12 weeks)

After Service Term, Infantry, Guards and Commandos officer cadets will stay on in OCS to continue training while the rest of the cadets stream into their respective schools for vocational training.

Bulk of your time will be spent in this phase where you will receive specialised vocational training relevant to your future deployments, gearing up to your role as a platoon commander. With the fast-paced and rigorous training, officer cadets are conditioned physically and mentally, with the resilience to overcome any upcoming challenges. Some of the training you may undergo are:

- **Urban Operations Live Firing at Murai Urban Live Firing Facility:** As your training progresses, you will be involved in live firing mission planning up to platoon level, and be trained to execute a live firing exercise in the framework of a company.
- **Heliborne Operations:** As some of the missions you may be involved in would require heli-insertion instead of road movement, you will be trained to embark and disembark a helicopter.
- **Exercise Planning:** You will be put through various realistic exercises which will involve attack or defence missions, requiring you to plan, make decisions under intense pressure and lead your peers. As part of your training, you may also get the opportunity to train overseas!

Professional Term (20 weeks)

In this final phase of training, your fellow officer cadets from across the services will gather to share about their vocational training and experience with one another. The OCS journey will also culminate in a Combined Arms Training exercise - Exercise Panther Strike. You will also undergo leadership modules, eventually equipping yourself with the ability to effectively lead your men as a commissioned officer.

Joint Term (4 weeks)

Those who have been selected to become Warrant Officers and Specialists (WOSpecs) undergo the Specialist Cadet Course in the Specialist Cadet School (SCS). Comprising three terms - Foundation Term, Professional Term and Combined Term, the Specialist Cadet Course aims to equip cadets with competencies of a Warfighter, Trainer and Leader.

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SCS JOURNEY

For a start, as a specialist cadet, you will go through mental and physical training in the foundation term, and be equipped with basic infantry warfighter skillsets and leadership competencies. You can be expected to go through training in these areas:

- **Section Weaponries, Ammunition, Pyrotechnics and Explosives (APE) and Equipment:** You will be trained how to operate weapons (such as the Section Automatic Weapon and Man-portable Anti-Tank, Anti-DOoR), as well as APE (such as smoke grenade and Pen Flare) of an Infantry section. Additionally, you will learn how to operate tactical communication system and night fighting equipment. With the relevant skills and knowledge, you will then deploy this expertise to achieve mission success.
- **Basic Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosive (CBRE):** You will learn relevant skills in order to operate in an environment with CBRE threats.
- **Operating in Non-Urban and Urban Environments:** You will be trained to undertake missions or operations in non-urban (attack or hasty defence in forested areas) and urban environment (mainly attack operations where you learn how to capture buildings or rooms).

After completing the foundation term, you will be posted to attend vocational training in the respective institutes. However, for Infantry and Guards specialist cadets, you will remain in SCS for the next bound of training.

Foundation Term
(8 weeks)

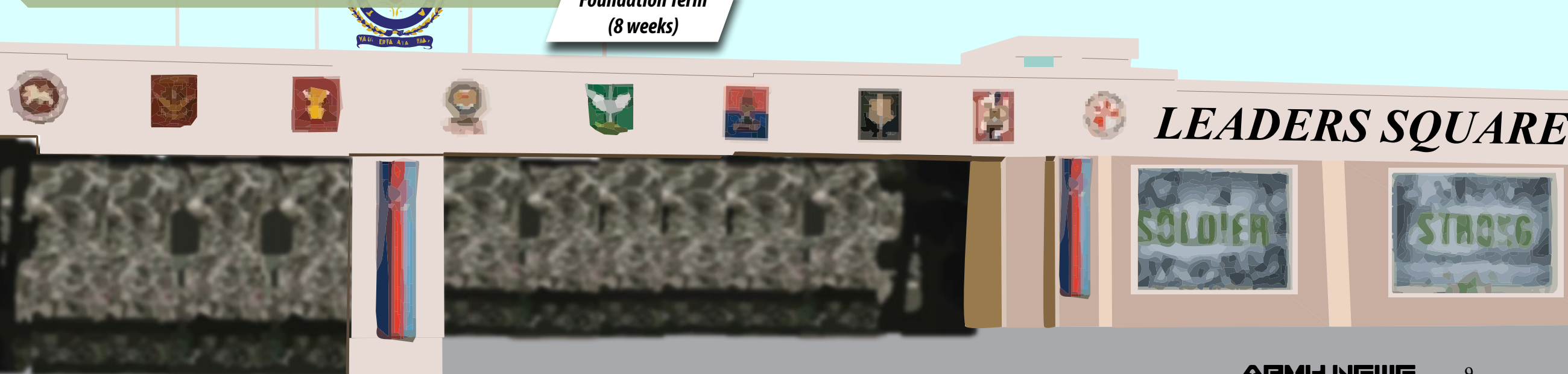
Forming the bulk of your time in SCS, you will spend the next few months honing your force preparation and professional knowledge. Specifically, you will be trained in the following areas:

- **Ammunition, Pyrotechnics and Explosives (APE):** You will be trained to use and deploy APE such as claymore mines and Bangalore torpedo towards mission success.
- **Mission Planning:** As a section commander, you will learn to take orders from the Headquarters, plan for mission/operations and subsequently deliver mission orders to your men. You will also be responsible for ensuring force preparation is completed by your men and that they are ready for operations.
- **Operating Under the Context of a Platoon:** With the section warfighting skillsets learnt in Foundation Term and earlier part of the Professional Term, you will be trained to operate under the context of a platoon in non-urban and urban environments.
- **Basic Instructional Training:** To assist you in conceptualising lesson plans, you will be equipped with instructional techniques, allowing you to conduct basic training such as physical training and route marches.

Professional Term
(12.5 weeks)

This phase will reunite your buddies, who were previously posted to the respective vocational institutes for training, back to the SCS. Here, the training is focused on sharpening your leadership skills and preparing you to assume command, culminating with the Specialist Cadet Graduation Parade. This will be supported by the Warrant Officers from various Training Institutes. Thereafter, you will be equipped with the necessary skills of a competent junior commander to lead your men!

Combined Term
(1.5 weeks)





KOPITALK WITH COMMANDERS: COMMANDER OFFICER CADET SCHOOL

Written by: CPL Gershwin Lim
Photography by: LCP Gerald Ng

As we find out more about training in Officer Cadet School (OCS) and Specialist Cadet School (SCS), what better way than to sit down with the commanders to understand more and also get to know about them as individuals.

In this issue, we spoke to COL Edwin Goh, Commander OCS and COL Pang Chee Kong, Commander, Specialist and Warrant Officer Institute (SWI), as they both share how they nurture cadets in the respective schools into dedicated leaders and competent soldiers.

1. What is a typical day like for you?

My day starts with me exercising in the morning. I will either go for a run or do physical training with my colleagues. This usually sets my day off to a great start. As Commander OCS, in addition to the tasks that I have to complete, I also visit units during outfield trainings and take the opportunity to observe their training, as well as interact with the cadets.

2. What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership, to me, consists of two very important aspects. The first is performance, which is the level of competency and knowledge possessed by the officer and the ability to perform his role as a platoon commander. You can measure performance quite easily.

The second aspect is trust - something which is less quantitative. It comes from the soft skills, confidence and camaraderie that you have built. Forming the softer aspect of officership, trust is not easy to build but is essential to lead well. In OCS, we try to hone these softer aspects of leadership in our soldiers.

To me, performance and trust is what being a leader is about. It is not only about getting missions completed, it is also about making sure that people are willing to follow you and trust you with their lives.

3. What are some important qualities a leader should possess?

I think a lot will say the eight core values of the SAF. It's not wrong, and those values certainly anchor our actions. But above and beyond, I think empathy is something that is essential in a leader. Empathy talks about being able to put yourself in your subordinates' shoes, being able to understand their difficulties and helping them overcome these difficulties.

4. Why is the OCS motto "To Lead, To Excel, To Overcome" so important in an officer?

This motto resonates with a lot of officers till today. It means you must be able to stand among your peers and subordinates, go beyond being just a follower and lead. We always say to lead, to excel, to overcome, but actually you need to first overcome before you can lead. You need to overcome difficulties, personal weaknesses, the fear of transition then you can excel in what you do. Once you excel in your qualities and performance, then you start to lead with confidence. So, we often tell cadets that they need to first overcome, excel, then lead.

5. How does OCS ensure the curriculum stays relevant today?

Our cadets are very different nowadays. If we adopt the training methodology 10 or 20 years ago, we are barking up the wrong tree. We need to be able to optimise the training of our cadets by resting or eating better. In line with this, we are also relooking into the ways we train, and exploring how we can better train our cadets in multiple aspects, be it in terms of better nutrition or conditioning. We need to further incorporate sports science into our training curriculum so that our cadets can train optimally, something which OCS is doing in conjunction with the Center of Excellence for Soldier Performance.

6. What do you do during your free time?

I like to run and I do it about 2 to 3 times per week. Not only does it help me to keep fit, I can also enjoy the scenery and think about things. I also like to read the papers a lot and usually go through the papers quite intensively everyday to keep myself updated with current affairs. I also try to spend a lot of my time with my family - teaching my son to ride the bike and my daughter how to swim.



KOPITALK WITH COMMANDERS: COMMANDER SPECIALIST AND WARRANT OFFICER INSTITUTE

Written by: CPL Gershwin Lim
Photo contributed by: SWI

1. What is a typical day like for you?

A typical day I look forward to is to see the continuous growth of SWI's soldiers/sailors/airmen turning into competent Warfighters, Trainers and Leaders. To achieve this aim, it is cardinal to systematise SWI's back and middle offices' processes and procedures. With working systems in place, up-to-date resource support and enriching training systems form the essential components for purposeful training. With good system components in place, the front offices (training schools) can focus on training good leaders for the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

2. How do you think your role fits in the larger SAF context?

Warrant Officer - Specialists (WOSpec) and Military Experts' training form the cornerstones of SAF's readiness and SWI provides the anchoring components to achieve that readiness. This is how SWI supports our SAF's mission and vision.

3. What does leadership mean to you?

To me, fundamentally, leadership virtues are to be sincere and real to one true self. My belief is that the dominant character will surface when the 'first bullet flies.' As such, other than the leadership skills that SAF leaders are trained in, SAF leadership in context means being loyal to the role to defend Singapore. With this role as the guiding principle, the rest of the considerations will fall in place. This is the reason why I signed on as a regular and is also the reason why I am still serving in the military.

4. How does SCS imbue leadership qualities in its cadets?

Leadership is both a science and an art. In SWI, we design our training systems (syllabus and curriculum) based on role-to-task analysis and thereafter develop systematic components to track and train soldiers. On the other hand, we embed the art part of leadership development by making our leaders work in networks and be adaptive to the ever-changing environment.

5. How do the values and qualities that the cadets learnt during SCS stay with them?

In SWI, we believe that training and qualifications form the foundation of the leaders' leadership qualities. For the active serving leaders, their qualities and lessons learnt will be consistently tested in their day-to-day actions. For the NS leaders, their actions will largely be formed by the training they go through and when they perform their military leadership role during in-camp training.

6. What do you think you would be doing if you didn't sign on?

I would likely be a Defence Executive Officer (DXO), Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) or DSO Engineer or someone who will be working with or for MINDEF/SAF.

7. Were there any difficult moments while you were training as a cadet? How did you overcome them?

There were many defining moments when I was training back in my younger days. One of the more memorable ones was during a field exercise where we 'suffered' almost 50% casualties hit due to our tactical negligence. As the mission required a 'leave no man behind' objective, we had to evacuate our buddies from the hot zone while facing 'fires' from the front. I think this was where I learnt that teamwork, even at the small unit level, is always cardinal to mission success. Things actually fell in place when we started to communicate and put our acts in a synchronised manner. We were able to return 'fires,' coordinate to evacuate our buddies to the rear, and got out of the hot zone. Without teamwork, I don't think we could overcome those tough scenarios.

8. What do you usually do during your free time?

I am pursuing a part-time research programme and most of my free time is spent researching and reading materials of my interest. Of course, keeping the body healthy is as important as keeping the mind engaged, as such, I spend alternate days exercising.

My Trainer, My Inspiration

Written by: PTE Douglas Toh
Photography by: LCP Gerald Ng

Trainers, be it the sergeants or officers, everyone has had their fair share of experiences with them. Be it happy memories or not, trainers play an important role in everyone's journey in the Army. In this issue, we spoke to two pairs of trainer-trainee to get insights on how they are motivated to always give their best during training.

Trainer: 1SG Gabriel Lim, Senior Trainer, Charlie Company, Specialist Cadet School (SCS)

Trainee: 2SG Mohammad Azhar Bin Wahid, Army Deployment Force



2SG Mohammad Azhar (left) and 1SG Gabriel Lim (right)

1. What is your leadership style like?

Gabriel: My leadership style is shaped by the 3 'E's, which stands for Educate, Encourage and Enforce. When it's the first time my cadets are trying to complete a task, I will educate them. If they are unable to succeed, I will encourage them. However, if they still cannot perform the tasks effectively, I will enforce the instructions upon them more strictly.

2. How did 1SG Gabriel inspire you as a leader?

Azhar: 1SG Gabriel is a very calm and collected individual. Besides imparting his knowledge to us, he guides us patiently. One incident that struck me strongly was when we went overseas for an exercise. We made many mistakes as we were not familiar with the terrain, but 1SG Gabriel patiently repeated and revised the manoeuvres with us.

3. What are some things you have learnt from him?

Azhar: Never panic when things don't go your way. To be a good leader, you must be proficient in the things you do so that your men can look up to you as an example. You also have to be patient in order to maximise learning for your men.

4. What kind of values do you hope to inculcate in your cadets?

Gabriel: Regimentation and discipline. It may seem like a small thing, however I feel that it reflects how good the soldier is. I try to inculcate such values through daily simple tasks such as marching from point-to-point, and keeping their bunks in tidy conditions.

5. What motivates you to continue giving your best to the cadets, batch after batch?

Gabriel: I always remind myself that I was once in their position, and now as a trainer, I want to create good future leaders for the Army.

6. Anything to say to 1SG Gabriel as your trainer?

Azhar: Thank you for being patient with me and my fellow cadets. We may be slow at learning certain procedures and make a lot of mistakes during outfield, but you never gave up and kept teaching us until we got it. And for that, we really appreciate you as our trainer!

Trainer: LTA Muhammad Rausyan Bin Mohamad Yazid, Platoon Instructor, Officer Cadet School (OCS)

Trainee: OCT Balamurukan Thirunavukarasu, Officer Cadet, OCS

1. What is your leadership style like?

Rausyan: I always believe in the saying that "the more we sweat in peace, the lesser we bleed in war". When I lead the cadets, I demand high standards, and bring them through tough yet safe training so it eventually becomes a habit for them and they will always be doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. But, if the cadet cannot catch up in his training, I will do my best to guide him patiently.

2. What do you enjoy about being a trainer?

Rausyan: The smiles on my cadets' faces when they achieve something is what keeps me going. For instance, when they finish an exercise or complete an important outfield mission, I feel really happy and proud of them.

3. What have you learnt from LTA Rausyan?

Bala: I've learnt that nothing comes easy and if you want to enjoy the fruits of your labour, you have to work hard and earn it. He also shared with us that as long as we put in our best efforts, we will be able to achieve what we set out to.

4. How did LTA Rausyan inspire you?

Bala: Initially when I came into OCS, I did not have the confidence that I could perform. But throughout my entire journey, LTA Rausyan was always motivating us. Hearing him believe in us and that he is proud of us, gave me the confidence that we are capable of pushing ourselves further and soar beyond our limits.

5. What motivates you to continue giving your best to the trainees, batch after batch?

Rausyan: My main motivation is knowing that each day is full of learning potential for the cadets. As I see them improve, it drives me to give my best. At the end of the course, when I see them standing proud at the parade square, throwing their peak caps high up in the air, it gives me an indescribable sense of satisfaction.

6. Anything to say to LTA Rausyan as your trainer?

Bala: Thank you for being such a positive influence to me. I learnt so much about officership just from observing you and you taught us values in ways that no one would have. I will be the best commander to my men and make you proud!



OCT Balamurukan Thirunavukarasu (left) and LTA Muhammad Rausyan (right)

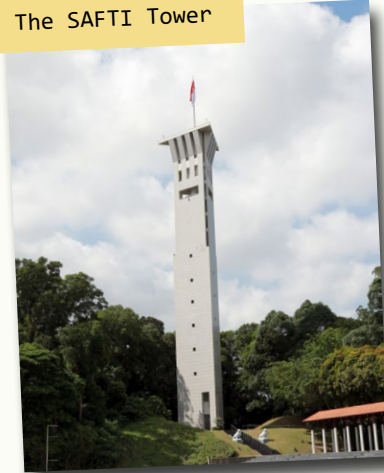
SECRETS OF OUR CAMP: SAFTI MILITARY INSTITUTE

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Officially established on 14 February 1966 at Pasir Laba Camp, The SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) provides the optimal environment for moulding soldiers into officers. Army, Navy and Air Force officers spend time together at the institute, absorbing core values, developing a common spirit, and acquiring a shared purpose.

The current premises is at Upper Jurong Road, where it was opened on 9 Jun 1990 by our late founding father, then-Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. The institute houses five different schools: the Officer Cadet School (OCS), the SAF Advanced Schools (SAS) - one for each service, and the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College (GKS CSC). Numerous buildings and structures dot the landscape, each with its own significance and history.

The SAFTI Tower



The first and perhaps most prominent building located at SAFTI MI is the SAFTI Tower. Standing 60 meters above the landscape, the three-sided tower is symbolic in its architecture, with each side representing the three different services - Army, Navy and Air Force. To ascend the tower, there are 265 steps, symbolising the number of days it takes for an officer cadet to be commissioned as an officer. Furthermore, each side of the tower faces a different area of Singapore that the SAF has pledged to defend: the housing areas represent our people, the industrial sites represent our economy and the forests represent our land.

At the foot of the tower lies the twin Merdeka Lions, whose heads are facing right as a 'salute' - a sign of respect to newly-commissioned officers. Originally authorised by the Public Works Department in 1955 during the construction of the Kallang River Bridge, the identical lions were donated to the Ministry of Defence due to constant roadwork and structural changes at their original location.



The twin Merdeka Lions

The Ceremonial Hall



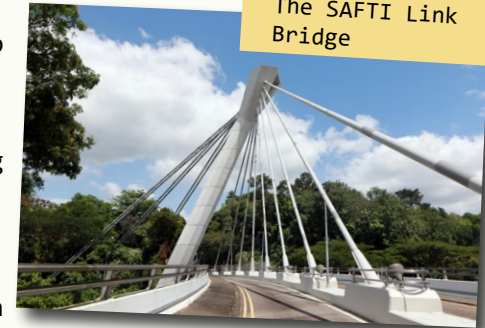
Not far from the SAFTI Tower is the Ceremonial Hall, one of the most significant locations for new officer cadets. The site of the Initiation Ceremony, the Ceremonial Hall is symbolic in the materials used for the construction of the building. The floor of the hall is tiled with polished Italian black granite, whilst the

centre is tiled with granite mined from Bukit Timah Hill, the tallest natural landmark in Singapore.

This design holds great prestige, as new officer cadets stand on the locally mined granite tiles, representing the 'soil of Singapore', whilst pledging to take up the challenge of the officer cadet training.

Despite moving from its old location at Pasir Laba Camp to its current location at Upper Jurong Road, SAFTI MI is connected to its heritage via the SAFTI Link Bridge, soaring above the Pan-Island Expressway (PIE), connecting both SAFTI MI and Pasir Laba Camp. The 100-metre bridge also allows for direct access between SAF live firing areas, without

The SAFTI Link Bridge



having the need to travel on public roads. Symbolically, the bridge also serves as a link between the Officers and Warrant Officers and Specialists (WOSpec) partnership.



The "Overcoming Adversity" sculpture

The "Overcoming Adversity" sculpture is located at the main entrance of SAFTI MI, depicting a pair of figures engaged in a spiritual discipline of martial arts. Designed by Ju Ming, a Taiwanese sculptor, the sculpture embodies tenacity and fortitude, as well as the readiness to prevail against superior forces.

Steeped in history and discipline, SAFTI MI represents a physical symbol of the SAF, a birthing ground for leaders, generation after the next.

BOOKOUT MAKAN

Written by: **CPL Gershwin Lim**
Photography by: **LCP Gerald Ng**

Alright! Enough of Army stuff, let's talk about places to hang out and food to check out near SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI). In this issue, we uncovered two foodie spots, and explored the Jurong Lake Gardens!

505 JURONG WEST FOOD CENTRE

Once voted the Favourite Hawker Centre in 2010 during the City Hawker Food Hunt, this spot is well known among the westies. Located in the heart of the neighbourhood, the food centre is always swarming with people, and it was nearly impossible to find a seat when we were there during lunch!

KOK KEE WANTON MEE

At first glance, this plate may seem like a standard, run-of-the-mill plate of wanton mee, however, what sets it apart from the rest is its lard-based sauce. With a similar flavour profile to the white sauce used in kolo mee, this plate, however, definitely packs more umami. Paired with the springy noodles, tender char siew and flavourful homemade wantons, it elevates the dish to a whole new level. For an extra kick, add a dollop of chilli sauce to spice up the dish with some heat.



Address: 505 Jurong West Street 52 #01-14 S640505
Opening Hours: 7:00am - 12:00pm, or till sold out
Price: From \$3.50

DU DU COOKED FOOD

Soft and fluffy, these tutu kuehs can easily be mistaken for mini pillows. Just a slight pressure on the exterior will unleash the yummy goodness of the coconut filling. The filling is an ideal ratio of coconut and gula melaka cooked with pandan, giving the kueh caramelised notes with hints of pandan fragrance. Definitely a delightful snack to buy and share with your buddies.

Address: 505 Jurong West Street 52 #01-19 S640505
Opening Hours: 3:30pm - 9:30pm
Price: From \$2.00



JIN FA COOKED FOOD

With only three items on the menu, this stall manages to haul in loads of customers - a testament to how delicious their dishes are. We tried the Chee Cheong Fun (\$1.50) and the Yam Cake (\$1) while we were there. The Chee Cheong Fun was bouncy yet soft in texture, drizzled with luscious red sweet sauce. The Yam Cake was hearty and wholesome, and when paired with the red sweet sauce, was an unexpectedly amazing combination.

Address: 505 Jurong West Street 52 #01-18 S640505
Opening Hours: 5:30am - 5:30pm (Tue - Fri), 5:30am - 2:30pm (Sat - Sun)
Price: From \$1.00

OH MY MANGO

We then made a trip to a nearby cafe, Oh My Mango for desserts, a place which sells anything and everything mango!



The Fresh Mango Bingsu (\$13.90) takes the Korean dessert to the extreme, with each component being mango flavoured. For a start, the shaved milk ice is topped with Thai honey mangoes, drizzled with mango syrup. Then a scoop of mango ice cream is plopped on top together with a spray of whipped cream. What further surprised us was the popping mango boba embedded within the shaved milk ice. Each mango component complemented one another, and created a harmony of flavours that beckons you for another spoon. Priced at \$13.90, this is definitely a bang for your buck!

The combination of mango and matcha in its Mango Matcha Latte (\$3.00) might sound funky for your taste buds, however, it was surprisingly a complementary combination as the subtle bitterness of matcha, mixed together with the fresh milk, balanced out the sweetness from the mango pulp in this drink. After a few slurps, this drink definitely grew on us and is a *MUST* try for any matcha lovers out there!

Address: 762 Jurong West Street 75, #01-334, S640762
Opening Hours: 12:30pm - 10:30pm



BOOKOUT HANGOUT JURONG LAKE GARDENS

Written by: **CPL Gershwin Lim**

Photography by: **LCP Gerald Ng**

After seven years of work, the third national garden in Singapore, Jurong Lake Gardens was opened to the public on 27 Apr 2019, joining the likes of Botanic Gardens and Gardens By The Bay. Located in the heartlands, this garden is known as the people's garden, where spaces are landscaped and created for families and communities to come together, with an emphasis on nature, community and play. Spanning over 90 hectares, the Jurong Lake Gardens boasts a wide range of activities, from walking through the Grasslands to playing at the Forest Rumble. If you are looking to chill with your fellow brothers-in-arms, Jurong Lake Gardens is a perfect place to unwind. We share with you some of the notable locations to visit when you make a trip down.

Grasslands

Surround yourself in a field of tall grasses or take shelter in the bird hides to observe the wildlife that live here.



Forest Rumble

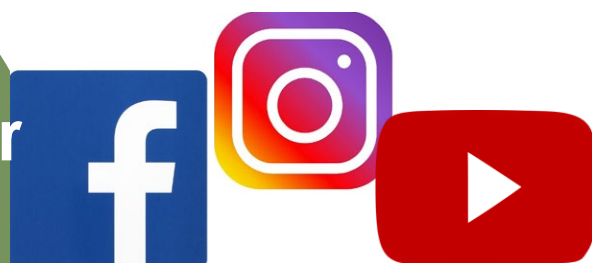
A sprawling 2.3 hectares nature playground with 13 exciting stations that mimic the environment of our forest wildlife!



Rasau Walk

Take a stroll on this meandering boardwalk along the water's edge, and enjoy the wide variety of plants that thrive along the restored freshwater habitat.

#mostpopular ON OUR PAGES



In case you missed it, we've sussed out some of our most popular posts on our social media pages for the past quarter of the year. Click away and catch up on any events you've missed out!



Doing Our Part for the Nation.



Seeking female warriors: Our Singapore Army.



The Moments Of Enlistment Day



Always Part of the Family - Guards FSM COAP



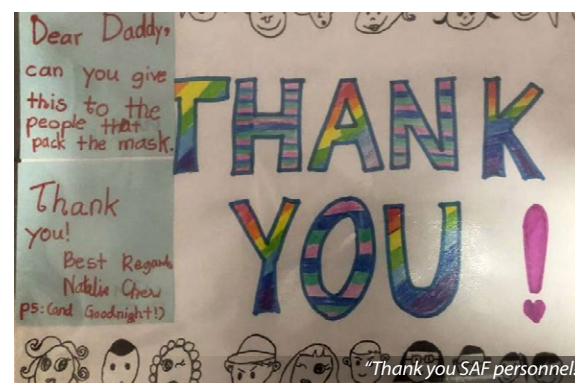
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