

Singapore and Italy Sign Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation

15:01 GMT, February 13, 2012 Singapore's Permanent Secretary for Defence Chiang Chie Foo and Italian Under Secretary of State for Defence Dr Filippo Milone signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defence Cooperation between the Singapore Ministry of Defence and the Italian Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

The MOU facilitates defence cooperation in areas such as defence policy, military education and training, research and development as well as logistics. The signing of the MOU underscores the warm and growing defence relations between Singapore and Italy, as well as both parties' commitment to broadening defence cooperation in mutually beneficial areas.

Dr Milone called on Mr Chiang before the signing ceremony held in MINDEF, and they exchanged views on security developments and bilateral defence cooperation. Dr Milone will also visit the Singapore Airshow and call on Minister of State for Defence and Education Lawrence Wong tomorrow.