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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Honorary Appointments - Military Division

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointments:

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

Lieutenant General Melvyn ONG SU KIAT, Singapore
For distinguished service and dedication to strengthening the
defence relationship between Australia and Singapore.

Air Chief Marshal Hadi TJAHHANTO, Indonesia
For distinguished service and dedication to strengthening the
bilateral defence relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

APPOINTED AN HONORARY OFFICER (AO)
IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Lieutenant General Melvyn ONG SU KIAT, Singapore

For distinguished service and dedication to strengthening the defence relationship between Australia and Singapore.

Lieutenant Ong has strengthened the close and longstanding defence relationship between Australia and Singapore, in support of the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. He has been central to enhancing the depth and complexity of bilateral exercises, with a view to deepening interoperability, and has supported vital operational access for Australia in Singapore. Under Lieutenant Ong's leadership, the Singapore Armed Forces contributed over 70 personnel and rotary wing support to Operation Bushfire Assist in 2020 which greatly assisted fire-fighting and recovery efforts in Victoria.

Air Chief Marshal Hadi TJAHJANTO, Indonesia

For distinguished service and dedication to strengthening the bilateral defence relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Air Chief Marshal TNI Tjahjanto has greatly enhanced the bilateral defence relationship between Australia and Indonesia, in support of the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. He has been pivotal to building trust and strengthening professional bonds between our personnel, and has deepened joint operations and interoperability between our defence forces. Under Air Chief Marshal TNI Tjahjanto's leadership, the TNI contributed over 40 engineers and National Disaster Mitigation Agency personnel to Operation Bushfire Assist in 2020 which greatly assisted recovery efforts in New South Wales.