

**The French Defence innovation agency and the Singapore Ministry of Defence celebrate the 50th SAFARI committee meeting for Defence Science and Technology.**

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - The French Defence innovation agency and the Singapore Ministry of Defence met for the SAFARI committee. France and Singapore have been working together for more than 25 years now in the field of research and technology development for defence purposes.

SAFARI (Singapore and France Advanced Research Initiative) is the framework for cooperation between France and Singapore in research, science and technology. Created in 1997, it has enabled, over the years, to build a solid and trustful bilateral relationship between the government and industrial partners of both countries involved in the cooperation. To date, it has carried out more than 70 joint projects, notably in the naval, robotics, biological chemical and Artificial Intelligence fields.

The SAFARI committee is co-chaired by Major General (Armament) Patrick Aufort, Director of the Defence Innovation Agency, and MINDEF's Chief Defence Scientist, Tan Peng Yam.

This 50th committee bears witness to the evolution of an alliance forged by rich and high-level exchanges. This stable and enduring relationship shows the trust and capacity of our two countries to tackle common scientific challenges and to increase joint initiatives.