SAF, NTU in tie-up to offer master’s degree programme

THE Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) said yesterday that it will offer master’s degree programmes to servicemen and women in the SAF under a new memorandum of understanding signed with the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The tie-up aims to promote continuing education for mid-level commanders, said the armed forces and NTU in a press release.

The Singapore Command & Staff College at SAFTI Military Institute will co-design and co-teach five NTU-accredited course modules in the areas of military leadership, strategic studies and military technology as part of the Command and Staff Course curriculum.

After completing the course, army officers can pursue master’s-level courses at the university under different specialisations that range from human resources to international relations, as offered by the relevant schools at NTU.

They must also submit a final “independent study” paper, which will be supervised by the NTU faculty.

The formalised tie-up will last a decade and will be reviewed every three years.

Since 1995, NTU professors from the S Rajaratnam School for International Studies have held lectures on security and war studies for courses in the armed forces.

The military institute has also collaborated with the Nanyang Business School and the National Institute of Education on leadership, research and faculty development.