Defence institute celebrates 10 years

SOFT armour that hardens on impact with bullets may be able to raise the odds of survival of troops.

The white rubbery material, made from polyvinyl acetate, was showcased at the Temasek Defence Systems Institute (TDSI) and is one of the potential projects that can be used by the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

The institute, a joint collaboration between the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the United States Naval Postgraduate School, celebrated its 10th anniversary yesterday with a ceremony and exhibition at the NUS Shaw Foundation Alumni House. The event was attended by Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen.

Since it was set up in 2001, more than 1,000 people from the SAF, US military and defence-related agencies like the Defence Science Technology Agency and ST Engineering have graduated from TDSI with master’s degrees.

About a third of the 24 projects completed by students at TDSI have been operationalised in the Singapore Armed Forces.

The institute offers 18-month master’s degree courses in defence technology and systems.