

Mr Tan Kok Ming Desmond

Desmond spent over thirty years in the public service. Prior to joining politics, he was the Chief Executive Director (CED) of the People's Association (PA) where he led the community support effort during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Desmond spent 28 years in the military and held various key appointments in the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and SAF. These included Chief of Staff (General Staff), Director of Joint Operations, Chief Guards Officer and Director Public Affairs. As Chief Guards Officer, Mr Tan was the Chairman of the Singapore National Day Parade 2012 Executive Committee. Desmond also participated in the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan as Singapore's first National Contingent Commander, and was awarded the SAF Overseas Medal (Enhanced) and the NATO (ISAF) Medal.

Desmond graduated as an Aeronautical Engineer from the University of Manchester and holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Nanyang Business School. He enjoys sports, and loves spending time with his family. He is married with 3 children.
