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SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) is the Republic's main police agency tasked with maintaining law and order in the island city-state. The Singapore Police Force's core function is to protect the people who lives in Singapore, their lives, properties, to guard human rights and freedoms. Crime in SPF context includes terrorism and public disorder. In order to achieve it a force for the nation, SPF strives to ensure the security, survival, and success of Singapore.

The Singapore Police Force was founded in 1819, making it the oldest government organization in Singapore. Mr Francis James Bernard was the Chief Police Officer overseeing a very small unit comprising only one sergeant, 12 constables and a jailer. The lean force was strengthened in 1826 when the Singapore Police, together with Malacca and Penang, was incorporated into the Straits Settlements Police. The early 1900s was a period of rapid transformation for the Force to be more systematic with the introduction of a criminal registry, fingerprint system, setting up of Police Headquarters at South Bridge Road. The Force underwent yet more changes as Singapore gained self-governance from 1959 till 1963. After breaking away from the merger with Malaysia in 1965, Singapore eventually attained independence in 1965. The crests of the Force mirrored the political changes it was renamed the *Polls Republik Singapura*. Today, the SPF is an efficient and well- equipped body of professionals in pursuit of continuous improvement and world-class excellence.

To be part of this swift and resolute force, one should possess strong mental resilience, good physical fitness, an aptitude for tactical operations and be a good team player.

There are the following requirements to join the SPF:

PES (Physical Employment Status) status of A or B (for male applicants) determined through medical check up which Ministry of Defense will require a applicant to take 1 year before he is due to be in National Service.

Possees at least 5 General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level credits or have National Institute of Technical Educational Certificate. This examination is held annually in Singapore. All Special and Express stream students are required to take a minimum of 5 subjects, but are allowed to take up to a maximum of 9.

One more requirement is normal colors vision. Sometimes operational or safety aspects of certain necessitate that one distinguish between colors, especially those involving lights, flares, different signs etc.

Pass Individual Physical Proficiency Test. This test consists of 3 stations: sit-ups, push-ups and 2.4 kilometers run.

The officials of Singapore have very beautiful organized their police force in a well framed structural hierarchy. All ranks are grouped in 2 categories: seniors and juniors. Senior one includes: the topmost rank Commissioner of police, Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Inspector. The junior category contains Stations Inspectors, Sergeants and the lowest rank-Corporal.

To be promoted for the senior ranks it is necessary to be trained at Police Tactical Unit. This facility provides trainees with programmes in special theory and practice subjects.

Список використаних джерел:

1. Official website of Singapore Police Force [<http://www.police.gov.sg/>]

2. SPF-More than just a job [<http://www.morethanjustajob.spf.sg/>]