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Mr Neo Kian Hong is the Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) in Singapore's Ministry of Defence. He was appointed in June 2017. His portfolio covers defence research and technology, capability development and acquisitions, and defence administration. He also works as part of the senior management in the ministry to formulate and implement defence policies.

An administrative officer, Mr Neo was the Permanent Secretary (Education Development) in the Ministry of Education from 2013 to 2017. He was the Chief of Defence Force (Singapore) from 2010 to 2013, and Chief of the Singapore Army from 2007 to 2010.

Mr Neo is the Chairman of the Defence Science and Technology Agency and the DSO National Labs and a member of the National Research Foundation Board.

A graduate with a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of London, UK, he also holds a Master of Science from the MIT Sloan School of Management, USA. He attended both the Singapore and Indonesian Command and Staff Course. He also attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School, USA.

Mr Neo was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military), the Public Administration Medal (Military)(Gold) and the Public Administration Medal (Military) (Silver) (Bar).