

# 1972

Founded by Singapore's first Minister for Defence, Dr Goh Keng Swee, the birth of DSO was shrouded in secrecy as it began its history with three scientists in a laboratory, known as the Electronics Test Centre (ETC).

# 1977

Growing into an elite group of 50 scientists, ETC was renamed Defence Science Organisation, or DSO.

# 1986

With the formation of the Defence Technology Group (DTG) by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), DSO was established as the centre of R&D for the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

# 1997

DSO continued to grow in stature and size and received a charter as DSO National Laboratories, a not-for-profit organisation. The corporatisation gave DSO operational and financial independence.

# TODAY

Investing in more than \$250 million worth of R&D each year, DSO is the largest dedicated R&D organisation in Singapore with more than 1,000 scientists and engineers across 7 strategic divisions, namely: Guided Systems, Electronic Systems, Emerging Systems, Information, Networks, Sensors, and the Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute (DMERI).