INJURED navy serviceman Jason Chee has been discharged from hospital and even took his first steps, fulfilling an aim that he had set out at the start of the year.

The 30-year-old, who lost both legs in an accident last December, was previously staying at Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital but went home last month.

He posted a one-minute video on Facebook on Wednesday, showing him walking on prosthetic legs.

He was aided by a walking frame and medical staff.

In the post, which was shared more than 100 times and liked by 2,000, he described the achievement as “a great milestone”.

Earlier this February, the former weapons systems supervisor told The Straits Times from the hospital bed that he wanted to walk again this year.

In another Facebook post, he wrote: "After 4 1/2 months, I stand and walk again! I did it."

The posts attracted many positive comments, including one from paraplegic athlete William Tan, 56, who wrote: "I can imagine you will be going places and inspiring many."

Mr Chee also lost his left arm and three fingers on the right hand, was trying out the short prosthetic legs at Tan Tock Seng Hospital’s Foot Care and Limb Design Centre.

He is due to return to the centre for “fitting sessions”, said the hospital.

It is understood that the prosthetic devices are being made in preparation for his next stage of rehabilitation, which will focus on strengthening his lower limbs.

This phase may take years and will involve getting him to stand and balance properly, so that he could eventually walk without assistance.

Once this is completed, he could get fitted with full-length prosthetic legs and also train his upper body.

Colonel Kwek Teck Kin, senior officer of Operations, said Mr Chee’s medical and rehabilitation expenses will be met in the long term.

Meanwhile, SIM University, where Mr Chee had been studying before the accident, said is preparing to work with its alumni to offer Jason at his home under a special arrangement.

“We are in constant contact with Jason and our first priority in his speedy recovery,” said a university spokesman.

Mr Chee has also been taking up sports, such as table tennis, bowling and shooting, as part of his healing process.