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I am deeply honoured to seize this opportunity to express my thoughts as we approach the much-anticipated DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024. These forthcoming events hold a special significance for me, as it will mark my first participation as the Chief of Army. However, I am acutely aware of the prestige and remarkable sophistication that both DSA and NATSEC Asia have consistently exhibited, having had the privilege of participating in these events in preceding years.

DSA and NATSEC Asia have consistently set an unparalleled benchmark of excellence over the years. In the backdrop of these unprecedented times where both traditional and modern threats continue to evolve, posing a clear and present danger at any given time, these events have played a role in fostering effective cross-border collaboration.

Furthermore, DSA and NATSEC Asia serve as vital platforms to promote the latest approaches, practices, and technical know-how for addressing pressing issues, ultimately contributing to a more resilient defence and security landscape, especially on a regional level. It is of utmost importance that our nations' armed forces maintain a constant state of preparedness, equipped to respond to the dynamic defence and security demands of the 21st century.

To effectively elevate the readiness and capabilities of our defence forces, we need to harness the potential of science and technology while nurturing robust international partnerships, particularly within ASEAN, to bolster regional stability. Investments in defence-related science and technology not only equip us to counter emerging threats but also augments our preparedness to confront challenges, effectively neutralising any threats from potential adversaries.

True to its theme "Building Resilient Nations for the Next Generation," DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 will serve as invaluable platforms for the Malaysian Army to engage in strategic research, staying at the forefront of emerging trends, while identifying essential assets required to safeguard our nation's security. These events facilitate access to the latest advancements in defense and security technology, allowing us to evaluate and acquire cutting-edge equipment and solutions that align with our evolving needs.



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Simultaneously, we must diligently pursue avenues to strengthen our international relationships and alliances through collaborative initiatives. Through such endeavours, Malaysia, in tandem with our regional nations and the extended global community, can harness our collective strengths and resources to fortify our defences, safeguard our nations' sovereignty, and promote regional and global stability. DSA & NATSEC Asia provide a dynamic avenue in this regard, by facilitating closer interactions among stakeholders in the realms of defence and national security, on a global scale.

I eagerly anticipate engaging in discussions and deliberations with my esteemed counterparts and comrades from around the world to promote bilateral ties and enhance cooperation. Drawing inspiration from the impressive track records of previous years, I am confident that DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will not only be bigger and better, but will also surpass the achievements and successes of their predecessors.

Therefore, in full solidarity with the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Malaysian Army affirms its unwavering commitment to extending wholehearted support, cooperation, and active participation in DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024.

My heartfelt congratulations to the organisers, and my best wishes extend to all delegates and participants.

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