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I thank the organisers of DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 for giving me this honour of saying a few words as we eagerly prepare for yet another outstanding showcase of the biggest and most efficiently executed defence and homeland security shows in Asia. DSA and NATSEC Asia have proven to be crucial in years and even decades past towards establishing dynamic cooperation between nations while facilitating robust improvement of regional defence and national security.

The year 2024 will mark the 66th anniversary of the Royal Malaysian Air Force. This is indeed a significant milestone. However, as we look towards the future, the challenges we face will be more complex and sophisticated than ever before. For instance, the embedment of hybrids of man, machine, and technology, such as AI, drones, robotics, cyber, and space elements with multi-domain operational capabilities require the Armed Forces to be trained and equipped accordingly to face these challenges head-on.

In this regard, the RMAF is currently embarking on a 35-year transformational plan known as the Capability Development 2055 or CAP55, that articulates our long-term capability acquisition and development strategy. It outlines the RMAF's capability growth over the next three decades in three phases. The CAP55-Phase 1 development plan (2021 - 2030) is critical, as its accomplishments will determine the continuity of development planning in Phases 2 and 3.

Our development strategy is based on four pillars: Force, People, Organisation, and Doctrine, all of which have been refined and strengthened to ensure more sustainable and strategic outcomes. The initiatives and action plans outlined in CAP55 will reduce capability gaps and improve the RMAF combat readiness to the next level.

To support the implementation of CAP55, we require access to the latest technologies, systems, and innovations. In this regard, the DSA and NATSEC Asia exhibitions have proven to be highly instrumental aspect, enabling us to identify emerging trends and cutting-edge technologies, especially in air defence and security industries.

These include technologies that can help enhance our air defence capabilities, such as advanced surveillance systems, cyber defence technologies, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), and aircraft modernisation programs. We can also leverage these exhibitions to acquire new capabilities and upgrade our existing ones, including the acquisition of new platforms, weapons systems, and advanced sensors.



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By participating in these exhibitions, we can also engage with leading defence experts and establish new partnerships and collaborations that can help strengthen our capabilities. In past editions, DSA and NATSEC Asia have been highly crucial in promoting greater regional defence and national security. They provide an opportunity for the sharing of knowledge and ideas, as well as discourse between military personnel from other countries, which can be mutually beneficial in advancing our collective goals towards a safer and more secure future.

I encourage all attendees and participants to take full advantage of the opportunities presented at these events, and to engage in constructive dialogue and exchange of ideas. I am confident that these events will contribute towards achieving our goals for a more secure and peaceful world.

I wish everyone a successful DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024.

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