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The Malaysian Armed Forces is once again proud to support Defence Services Asia (DSA) and NATSEC Asia in 2024. In years past, these events have provided a critical platform for all associated industry players to come together under one roof to deliberate, to learn, to gain ideas, to come up with solutions. It is also an avenue to seek out business opportunities, to champion technological advancement and to simply propel the way forward in defence and security.

To date, there is no other event such as this that holistically and effectively incorporates a comprehensive, solutions-oriented outlook where every participant - no matter the capacity - plays a highly crucial part in promoting international peace and stability.

As humans, it is only natural to work towards a better future, not only for ourselves, but for our children and their children. Very often, we talk about the future in the context of environmental issues and education, for example, but seldom do we discuss the future from a standpoint of defence and national security.

This is why the theme for DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 "Building Resilient Nations for the Next Generation" really should resonate with all of us as we strive to create a safer and more secure world for the distant future. This theme also highlights the importance of resilience in addressing the many challenges that we face in today's world, such as cyber threats, terrorism, and geopolitical instability.

These events are not merely about showcasing the latest gadgets and gizmos. They are also about building relationships and partnerships that will enhance our collective security. By coming together at DSA and NATSEC Asia, we can strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones that will benefit our nations for years to come. The exhibitions offer a chance to meet and network with industry leaders and experts from around the world.

Another unique aspect of DSA and NATSEC Asia is the high-level engagement from senior officials, including military leaders and government officials from across the region. This offers a unique opportunity for us to engage in dialogue and exchange ideas, which will enable us to stay ahead of emerging threats and challenges.

The Malaysian Armed Forces currently enjoys strong working relationships with our counterparts from other parts of the world, especially within the Southeast Asian region. We regularly engage in joint training exercises and simulations, allowing us to develop skills and expertise in a simulated environment, which is crucial for preparing them for real-world scenarios.



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As many are aware, Southeast Asia, especially, is a region of tremendous potential, but it is also one of great complexity. Our shared borders and the diverse security challenges that we face make it critical for us to work together to ensure our collective security. In this regard, DSA and NATSEC Asia serve as a catalyst for international military cooperation and collaboration. They offer us an opportunity to come together and explore new solutions that will help us build more resilient nations and address the unique challenges that we face in the region.

So, rest assured, we will have as many of our men and women present at DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 to render our fullest support and cooperation to make this a huge success. And I also urge all industry players to not only join us but participate actively to explore new solutions and build more resilient nations that will ensure a safe and secure future for the next generation.

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