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I would like to express my strong support for the upcoming Defence Services Asia (DSA) and NATSEC Asia events in 2024. These highly anticipated gatherings provide a platform for collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing, all of which are essential for the development and advancement of the Health Services Division and the Malaysian Armed Forces as a whole.

In essence, the Health Services division constitutes a collection of organisations within the Malaysian Armed Forces, which organises all essential medical, dental and nursing services to the entire might of the Malaysian military. As such, we play a crucial role in ensuring the health and well-being of our military personnel, veterans, and their dependents.

Our primary objective is to provide comprehensive services that meet the unique healthcare needs of our armed forces. Through our network of military hospitals, clinics, and highly specialised medical units, we strive to deliver the highest standard of care to the brave and resilient men and women who serve our nation.

One of our key responsibilities is to ensure the operational readiness of our military personnel. We are committed to providing immediate and effective medical support during military operations, exercises, and training activities. Our medical teams are particularly trained to handle emergencies, provide trauma management, and offer specialised care in the field anywhere and at any given time. As the recent Covid-19 pandemic has taught us, health-related emergencies – even those of global proportions – can happen at any time, without warning. The pandemic aside, various other threats exist, such as the potential of chemical and biological warfare.

By participating in events like DSA and NATSEC Asia, we have the opportunity to exchange knowledge, learn from international counterparts, and stay updated with the latest advancements in military healthcare practices. This knowledge transfer is invaluable in enhancing our capabilities and ensuring that our personnel receive the best possible medical care.

As they say, prevention is better than cure. As firm believers in this mantra, the Health Services Division of the Malaysian Armed Forces places a strong emphasis on preventive healthcare and health promotion. We believe that a proactive approach to healthcare is essential in maintaining the well-being of our military community. Through regular health screenings, immunisations, and health education programs, we aim to prevent illnesses, identify health risks early on, and promote healthy lifestyles among our personnel.



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In addition, we are actively involved in international peacekeeping missions where our forces are deployed. Our medical teams provide crucial support, ranging from pre-deployment medical assessments to ongoing healthcare services and medical evacuation capabilities. The experiences gained from these missions are invaluable in expanding our knowledge and enhancing our readiness to provide healthcare in challenging and diverse environments.

The knowledge sharing opportunities at DSA and NATSEC Asia enable us to learn from the experiences of other nations, fostering collaboration and enabling us to refine our medical support capabilities for peacekeeping operations. DSA and NATSEC Asia also provide a platform for us to explore cutting-edge technologies, medical innovations, and best practices in preventive healthcare.

By engaging with industry leaders, researchers, and healthcare professionals, we can incorporate these advancements into our healthcare strategies, ultimately benefiting the health of our military personnel.

We therefore wholeheartedly support DSA and NATSEC Asia as essential events that contribute significantly to the Health Services Division of the Malaysian Armed Forces. By participating in these events once again, we will undoubtedly strengthen our capabilities, enhance our readiness, and ensure that our military personnel receive the best possible healthcare support.

Together, let us embrace the opportunities presented by DSA and NATSEC Asia to build a healthier and more resilient armed forces for the benefit of our nation.

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