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In today's complex global landscape, security challenges continue to evolve, demanding constant adaptation and collaboration among nations and defense organizations. The DSA and National Security Asia Conference have emerged as vital platforms for fostering dialogue, cooperation, and innovation in defense and security. As we come together at this momentous event, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening existing partnerships and forging new ones. This will lead us to a safer, more secure future.

The significance of these conferences cannot be understated, as they provide an unparalleled opportunity to showcase cutting-edge technologies, exchange best practices, and engage in constructive discussions among professionals from the defense and security sectors. By leveraging the collective wisdom and expertise of our diverse global community, we gain a deeper understanding of the challenges we face and, in turn, identify viable solutions.

Moreover, as we focus on security, we must never lose sight of the values that underpin our nations and societies: human rights, freedom, and the rule of law. Let justice, respect, and inclusivity serve as our compass as we engage in discussions and collaborate on defense and security strategies.

Malaysia's Immigration Department takes its responsibility to protect our borders very seriously. We work closely with law enforcement and intelligence partners to identify potential threats. We take action to prevent them from ever reaching our shores. At the same time, we also work to ensure that legitimate travelers and migrants can move freely and safely through our country. This will contribute to our economy and enrich our society. These issues are never straightforward and have their fair share of complexities and challenges.

But we must also consider immigration challenges. We must ensure that all those who enter our country do so legally and are subject to appropriate screening and vetting processes. We must also ensure that those already here—citizens and migrants—are treated with dignity and respect and can access the services and support they need to thrive.

Events like Defence Services Asia and NATSEC Asia are therefore critical to our efforts to build a better, more inclusive Malaysia. By bringing together experts worldwide, we can learn from one another, identify best practices, and work together to address immigration challenges and opportunities.



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We can learn about the latest security and surveillance technology advancements at these events. This can prevent illegal immigration and other transnational crimes. It is also an opportunity to engage with technology vendors and developers working on cutting-edge solutions that could revolutionise border protection. We can learn about existing approaches and techniques that have succeeded in other countries and adapt them to fit our needs.

Moreover, DSA and NATSEC Asia offer a valuable opportunity for the Immigration Department to collaborate with other international law enforcement agencies and establish partnerships with foreign governments. By building these relationships, we can better coordinate efforts to combat transnational crimes and share best practices in immigration enforcement.

Therefore, let me congratulate the organisers for putting together what I am certain will be another spectacular showing of DSA and NATSEC Asia. At the Department of Immigration, we proudly support all successes.

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