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It is an honour for me to address my support while highlighting the vital role that DSA and NATSEC Asia play in promoting regional and international defence and security. The Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) is a joint military command that was formed specifically to oversee all tasks of the MAF joint operations. The JFHQ is responsible to plan and conduct joint operations and exercises which includes bilateral and multilateral exercises with friendly forces. Participating in peacekeeping missions with international organizations such as the United Nations (UN) is also part and parcel of JFHQ's responsibilities.

The dynamics of today's geostrategic and geopolitical situations needs Malaysia to continuously review the challenges and threats to our national security of which are becoming more complex and diverse. Hence MAF needs to strategically innovate and rise to new challenges in order to be constantly prepared and equipped so as to effectively face any threats that come our way. Events like DSA and NATSEC Asia provide a platform for showcasing the latest defence technologies, equipment, and training solutions, which are essential for the preparedness and readiness of the armed forces. Moreover, DSA and NATSEC Asia offer an excellent opportunity for the Malaysian Armed Forces to collaborate with international military organizations and establish partnerships with foreign governments.

The benefits of such cooperation were witnessed firsthand in early 2023 when the Malaysian Armed Forces participated for the sixth time in Cobra Gold, the longest-running and largest multinational military exercise in Southeast Asia involving more than 7,000 military personnel from 30 countries. This kind of exercises serve to improve military diplomacy among nations and at the same time enhance the interoperability between forces. By participating in DSA and NATSEC Asia, we can further exchange knowledge and experiences, share best practices, and build relationships that can be crucial in times of crisis.

I am proud to say that DSA and NATSEC Asia hosted by Malaysia is the most significant defence and security exhibition in the Asia-Pacific region, and highly regarded all over the world. This event needs to be in the itinerary of everyone interested and associated with defence and security, as we strive to build resilient nations for future generations. So, I thank the organisers for embarking on yet another edition of these showcases and look forward to being part of this esteemed event.

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