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Dynamism of the current era, characterised by rapid technological advancement and uncertainties, demands the Malaysian Defence Intelligence Organisation (MDIO) to ramp up its vigilance and adaptability. The evolving nature of defence strategy in the digital age and the rise of cyber threats have likewise ranked among its top priorities. All these warrant the MDIO to enhance its capabilities and institutionalise a culture of innovation. To this end, MDIO seeks to develop highly skilled professionals capable of handling the increasingly challenging security environment. Equally vital is its focus on integrating emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning and data analytics.

In this regard, DSA and NATSEC present unparalleled avenues for collaborations and knowledge exchanges. Both events highlight the latest breakthroughs in defence intelligence technologies, share insights and strengthen networks. Such connections are crucial added-value initiatives as we set out to address issues both at home and those of common concern. Against this backdrop, I look forward to forging robust partnerships with fellow counterparts, defence industry innovators and academia practitioners.

I would also like to record my frank appreciation to esteemed guests, participants and organisers for advancing our shared goals. Your commitment bears testament to the collective resolve towards ensuring a safer world. Together, let us make the most of the opportunities offered by DSA and NATSEC 2024 to foster lasting partnerships and generate mutual benefits.

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