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**DIRECTOR GENERAL,**  
**MALAYSIAN MARITIME ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (MMEA)**

On behalf of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), I would like to express our full support for the upcoming Defence Services Asia (DSA) and NATSEC Asia in 2024. The MMEA is an agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs of Malaysia that is responsible for maritime law enforcement and search and rescue (SAR) operations. The agency was established in 2005, and entrusted with the roles as a Coast Guard force for Malaysia. As a Coast Guard, MMEA plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of the Malaysian Maritime Zone which has an area of 556,285km<sup>2</sup>.

Illegal activities such as IUU fishing, smuggling, and human trafficking remain constant threats that MMEA must monitor and prevent. Additionally, MMEA also responsible to coordinate search and rescue missions for individuals and vessels in distress within the area given in the International Aeronautical Maritime Search & Rescue under the umbrella of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

MMEA has been actively striving in recent times to establish a culture of quality and innovation. We have been working hard to constantly improve our services to make the agency more dynamic and accomplished, as we look to enhance our image and reputation as a professional and competent agency on a global scale. We also believe that by instilling an environment of lifelong learning within the agency, we can develop a more competent team, consisting of accomplished personnel who can thrive in the international arena. This coincides with our vision "To be among the best maritime law enforcement agencies in the world".

In this regard, DSA and NATSEC Asia present an excellent opportunity for the MMEA to showcase our capabilities and achievements, and to learn from our regional and international counterparts. We believe that these events provide a platform for us to collaborate and exchange knowledge and ideas, as well as to explore opportunities for joint operations and training.

MMEA hopes these events serve as a platform to demonstrate the agency's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Malaysia's maritime borders, as well as to establish new partnerships and strengthen existing ones.



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True to the theme of DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024, we recognize that building resilience requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach. These are not only involve the military and law enforcement agencies, but also other stakeholders such as the private sector, civil society, and the international community.

We firmly believe that DSA and NATSEC Asia are crucial in fostering cooperation and coordination among the various stakeholders, and in identifying strategies and solutions to address the challenges and threats to the regional security.

Allow me, to reiterate our full support for the upcoming DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024. I would like to express our commitment to work together with our regional and international counterparts in building resilient nations for the next generation.

Regards.

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Director General of MMEA



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