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DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022 were truly historic events for several reasons. Firstly, they marked a stellar comeback following a hiatus during the pandemic, concluding just a day before Malaysia reopened its borders. It was also the biggest event in Malaysia at that time, setting several benchmarks while witnessing signings of Memorandums of Understanding, Letters of Agreement and contracts worth more than RM7 billion by the Ministries of Defence and Home Affairs. DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022 also witnessed the coming together of 35,567 trade visitors, 380 VIPs, 1,096 participating organisations and 20 international pavilions.

More importantly, however, these events further cemented DSA's NATSEC Asia's status as being the only show of its kind anywhere in the world to feature both defence and national security-related issues side by side, on the same platform.

With so much going for it, it could seem like the successes of DSA and NATSEC Asia 2022 cannot be surpassed. Yet, every two years, we promise a show that is going to be bigger and better – and I daresay DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will be no different. In fact, though the pandemic may be mostly behind us, we still live in critical times, as far as defence and national security go. It is a clarion call for nations to come together in resilience, true to the theme Building Resilient Nations for the Next Generation.

This is important because as nations aspire to progress and develop, defence and security need to be seen as an investment. Only nations that invest strategically in its defence and homeland security will produce credible forces that can continuously protect their sovereignty, while maintaining law and order towards peace and economic prosperity. Continuous, sustainable growth requires stability vis-à-vis peace, safety, security and harmony, necessitating nations to build resilience for their survivability and future generations.

I am glad to announce that DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will take up 45,000 square metres of space at MITEC, with 33 international pavilions, and is expected to attract more than 50,000 trade visitors from 70 countries, 1,200 participating companies from 60 countries, 400 foreign delegations from 45 countries, and more than 400 international media personnel who will showcase these events to the world!

Rest assured, DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will present opportunities like no other.



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Opportunities to engage with government officials, secretary generals, chiefs of services, international delegations, and key decision makers. Opportunities to be part of high-level international conferences, round table talks, B2B meetings, forums, live demonstrations, dialogue sessions, and even new additions such as a Cyber Zone and a DSA and NATSEC Asia Lab, which will allow small enterprises and startups to promote and bring to market their innovations, products, and services.

Simply put, DSA and NATSEC Asia are the most relevant platforms to exchange ideas, initiate collaboration and network with global defence and security communities.

So then, I am pleased to announce the return of DSA and NATSEC Asia in 2024! I have had the honour and privilege to oversee these stellar showcases for some time and I have witnessed first-hand the amount of preparation, hard work, and coordination that goes into the planning and execution of DSA and NATSEC Asia.

I therefore highly encourage all – both individuals and organisations - around the world associated with defence and security to make full use of these opportunities presented which are second to none. I would also like to extend my heartiest thanks to those who have already secured their participation. Malaysia welcomes you!

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