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I am delighted to say a few words of support leading up to the 18th installation of Defence Services Asia Exhibition & Conference (DSA 2024), and the third edition of the International Exhibition on National Security for Asia (NATSEC Asia 2024).

DSA and NATSEC Asia is undoubtedly the biggest and most efficiently organised defence and homeland security show in Asia. They have, in fact, become important fixtures on the calendar of global defence and security events. These events however will mark a milestone for me, as I will be experiencing them for the first time in my capacity as the Secretary General of the Ministry of Home Affairs, following my appointment in early 2023. This is therefore such an honour and a meaningful occasion for me.

As in previous installations, both events will once again attract a melting pot of exhibitors, delegates, and visitors from all over the world. This is of utmost importance because in today's ever-changing global security landscape, trans-national cooperation is no longer only beneficial, but rather, necessary.

In this regard, DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will once again provide a platform for defence and security industry players from different countries to congregate, share ideas, and explore opportunities for collaboration. This is especially critical for regional defence and national security, particularly in Southeast Asia and ASEAN. I sincerely hope that the exhibition this time can have a great impact on all parties involved, such as industry players, investors, strategic partners, stakeholders, government agencies, and local and international universities. This is in line with the government's desire to create a National Defence and Security Industry Policy (DIPKN), which will be used as a basis for developing this industry to a higher level and being competitive either at the regional or international level.

The current state of regional defence and national security is complex and multifaceted. ASEAN member countries, in particular, are faced with a wide range of challenges, including terrorism, cyber threats, territorial disputes, and natural disasters, all of which are becoming ever more prevalent. These challenges require a coordinated and collaborative approach that involves not just governments but also private sector players in the defence and security industry.



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Changes to the geopolitical security environment, geoeconomics, and climate change at the international level are also changing the needs of defence and security around the world. Malaysia is not exempted from receiving the effects of this environmental change. We not only need to be prepared to deal with threats from state actors by equipping national defence and security assets, but we also need to be prepared to face threats from non-state actors that are more complex and challenging.

Events such as DSA and NATSEC Asia play an important role in improving regional defence and national security by facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise, promoting the development of new technologies and systems, and fostering greater collaboration among defence and security industry players. They also provide an opportunity to showcase their latest defence and security capabilities and strategies, and to engage with industry players to identify areas for improvement and development. Preparing to face cyber-attacks through various online platforms needs to be addressed through a more accurate cyber defence and security system. Therefore, this exhibition is expected to connect experts in related fields in order to produce equipment and systems that will meet the needs of end users.

The Malaysian Ministry of Home Affairs is committed to supporting important events that promote trans-national cooperation in the defence and security industry, and in this respect, we believe that events such as DSA and NATSEC Asia are absolutely critical and we pledge our fullest support towards their success.

I therefore welcome all delegates and participants to Kuala Lumpur for DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024, and implore key stakeholders around the world to not only participate, but make full use of the opportunities presented by these events. I would also like to commend the organizers for their efforts in bringing together defence and security industry players from around the world.

It is my hope that these events will provide an opportunity for all of us to collectively learn, share, and collaborate towards a more secure and peaceful world.
Thank you.

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