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KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- The next edition of Asia's biggest defence show, Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition and Conference will be held in Kuala Lumpur from April 16 to 19, 2018.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the plan of organising the biennial event was already in the pipeline.

In his closing remarks for the 15th edition of DSA 2016 on Thursday, he said the four-day event was a record breaker as it drew 38,000 trade visitors on its first three days.

"It officially set a record for the highest number of visitors a DSA event had ever attracted. At DSA 2014, there were more than 30,000 trade visitors attending the showcase," he said, adding that he was grateful to all quarters in making a success of the event.

Hishammuddin reiterated that more than RM2.9 billion worth of contracts, memorandi of understanding, letters of agreement and letters of intent were inked.

Elaborating on some of the programmes featured in this showcase, the defence minister said the inclusion of the dynamic, new Malaysian Defence & Security Hall (MdaS Hall) proved to be a beneficial addition, not only to the exhibitors but also visitors interested in understanding the procurement procedures in Malaysia.

"I can honestly say that the DSA has the best installation yet, despite the global economic challenges.

"Indeed, I have witnessed first-hand the goings-on over the last four days and it is not hard to attest to this fact, so congratulations, once again," he added.

Touted as one of the five biggest defence shows worldwide, Hishammuddin expressed utmost gratitude to DSA Exhibition and Conference Sdn Bhd chairman, Tan Sri Asmat Kamaluddin due to his great determination in ensuring DSA 2016 was an amazing feat.

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He also lauded those involved in the showcase, including the Defence Ministry and Royal Malaysian Police for putting in hard work and steadfast support in ensuring the event went smoothly without any untoward incident.

"I am also aware of the immense support and cooperation rendered by various other organisations such as the Tourism and Culture Ministry, Immigration Department, Customs Department, Malaysia Airports Berhad, Home Ministry, Malaysian Investment Development Authority, International Trade and Industry Ministry and Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation.

DSA 2016 has gathered industry players from across 60 countries, as well as trade visitors from 77 countries.

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