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Defence Industries Focus On Empowering SMEs- Hishammuddin

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21(Bernama) – The focus of the development of the defence industry is to empower Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through their safety and security products.

The Minister of Defence Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said this endeavour suits the development of SMEs since the wide expansion of SMEs will further activate the evolution of local safety and defence technology, including human resource development.

He said that the initiative is evident with the involvement of SMEs in the 2016 Defence Services Asia (DSA) exhibition and conference, organised for four days ending today.

Hishammuddin said the ministry was confident that through the involvement of SMEs, the defence industry could be expanded with the production of new, competitive products by SME entrepreneurs.

"The involvement of this group in a programme such as this opens up more opportunities to promote products while establishing business ties with foreign countries.

"Previously, we see a lot of big companies being involved, but when I look at DSA 2016, there are so many SMEs present," he said during a press conference after the closing of DSA 2016, here, today.

Asia's largest defense exhibition that took place at the Putra World Trade Centre gathered industry players from 60 countries and trade visitors from 77 countries.

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