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The global community today is facing an increasing complex security environment which extremely difficult for one country to deal alone. Furthermore, in the context of military operation, there is an increased likelihood of operating in a joint environment where defence and security agencies need to deploy forces with interoperable equipment and rationalized logistics. Especially under multi-domain operating concept, interagency support means each service must be able to integrate and interacting with other domains such as air, land, maritime and cyberspace domains in seizing initiatives as part of the joint task force.

Therefore, it is important to strengthen bilateral and multilateral defence relationship through various diplomatic initiatives and security cooperation. The Defence White Paper (DWP) has explores and expands the conceptual approaches for Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and local defence industrial players to operationalise international defence engagement under Credible Partnerships as one of the key national defence strategy. In regards to defence relations with other nations, MAF is actively engages with neighbouring countries regionally and many other strategic counterparts globally through joint military operations and exercises. Obviously, the initiative of bilateral and multilateral cooperation is to manage shared security challenges; fostering regional stability, resolve border disputes in accordance with international laws, agreements, and norms. Besides focus on conventional warfare, contemporary security environment requires the military operations and exercises to explore into the non-traditional threats such as maritime security, trans-border crimes, terrorism, as well as actively involved in international Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) activities, either in respond to occasional natural disasters or under United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations.

Indeed, the international defence collaboration and partnerships offered a great opportunity for MAF to promote its professionalism and explore its greater potentials in military operations other than war (MOOTW), while boosting the Malaysia's pivotal role in international arena. In order to take full advantageous from future defence engagements, the MAF requires the full support of local defence industry in order to achieve self-reliance and to close-up the technology gap with other international counterparts. One of the key thrusts implemented in National Defence Industry Policy (NDIP) is to encourage local companies to promote their products and eventually penetrate international markets through bilateral defence industry collaboration, defence science and technology cooperation, and active participation in defence exhibitions worldwide.



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I believe DSA and NATSEC Asia 2022 will provide a timely platform for us to discuss and deliberate innovative ways in which we can work together to elevate and enhance collaborations, a venue to attract more like-minded countries that share the same aspirations and boost new defence cooperation. Ultimately to combine our collective capabilities and strengths in achieving national security as well as ASEAN regional and global stability.

Congratulations to the organisers, DSA and NATSEC Asia 2022 play host to this worldwide defence exhibition once again. I am looking forward to see the expansion of Malaysia's potential as a regional leader in HADR and international peacekeeping efforts. Thank you.

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