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YAB DATO' SRI ISMAIL SABRI BIN YAAKOB **PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA**

It is an utmost honour to pen a few words leading up to the 17th edition of Defence Service Asia Exhibition and Conference, or DSA 2022.

DSA plays a crucial role in influencing global defence, peace and security. The development of this highly anticipated convention has always been on my radar since I started my tenure as Minister of Defence in 2020. It certainly gives me great pride and joy to be granted the opportunity to address this world class event as Prime Minister.

Covid-19 has thrown a great deal of challenges for countries across the globe, Malaysia included. Having been at the forefront of Malaysia's war against Covid-19, I fully understand the many implications the pandemic has had on our beloved country, the people and economy.

The past two years have been the toughest test we've had to endure. Nevertheless, I am extremely proud of the Keluarga Malaysia who gave full cooperation to authorities as well as came together wholeheartedly to help one another in times of need. It is during trying times like these that makes me proud of our country as we continue to weather bad conditions and strive to maintain peace and harmony.

Responsibility of protecting a family typically falls onto the head of the family. Hence, I bear this responsibility with great commitment and am truly aware of my calling to steer Keluarga Malaysia towards peace and stability, as well as safeguard her from threats.

In this regard, we are thankful for the strong relationships and diplomatic ties that exist between Malaysia and neighbouring countries as we continue to walk each other through this crisis. Having close connections and collaborations with our international family enables us to share expertise in tackling the pandemic, keep our economy going while maintaining peace – all of which are paramount to ensure regional and economic stability.

I recently had the honour of addressing the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) General Debate, during which I stressed that nations of the world need to gather as one voice to put an immediate end to various hostilities in all corners of the world.

While it is unfortunate that instability – made even more complex by the pandemic – remains prevalent in many parts of the globe, I have reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment towards global peace, security and prosperity. Indeed, Malaysia has always been a firm believer in all efforts and initiatives that promote peaceful coexistence between nations and its people of different backgrounds, faiths and cultures.



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While we continue to engage in bilateral arrangements with neighbouring countries for mutual security, it is important to note that we do not consider ourselves a military alliance. Regional unity and stability are our ultimate weapons of defence, and in the event of any dispute with non-ASEAN countries, we will seek a resolution through diplomatic negotiations. This is the ASEAN way.

When we stand alone, our countries may be too insignificant to withstand global pressures. But together, the ASEAN region is a force to be reckoned with, being a USD3.11 trillion size economy. ASEAN countries have proven that regional cooperation among developing countries is possible and has resulted in positive economic transformations for all.

Let us, therefore, continue to help each other prosper economically, become more stable and less susceptible to external threats.

I am extremely heartened to learn that many local defence and security companies are investing in innovations with extensive research to support our military and security requirements. I am looking forward to seeing more home-grown assets in the defence industry to be deployed locally and eventually exported to other countries.

I would also like to see local Malaysian companies in the defence industry come up with new technologies and designs for weapons and military as well as security platforms to put us on the map.

This is why platforms such as Defence Services Asia (DSA) is important because it can bring on invaluable collaborations between countries and stimulate economic growth through foreign partnerships.

A country's military strength and capabilities are now judged based on strong bilateral relations and the investment of latest technologies that can better safeguard our people and our nations.

Therefore, I would like to affirm my fullest support towards DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022. I pray for success and wish for the best for all participants.

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