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By 2030, ASEAN's economy is expected to become the fourth largest single market, with Malaysia projected to be among the top highly ranked emerging markets. Based on a report by ASEAN Briefing, ASEAN countries have seen increasing investments and Malaysia was one of the top, recording an increase of 81% new investments in 2019.

We have also been cracking down hard on cross-border crimes like drug trafficking, the smuggling of cigarettes and other contraband items. These operations require us to work with both local and international agencies and other customs officials as it often involves the cooperation of several countries. Locally, we work hand-in-hand with the Royal Malaysian Police, Immigration department and others. In March 2021, the Customs Department seized 94.8 million Captagon pills weighing 16 tonnes worth RM5.2 billion from containers in Port Klang. This is one of our biggest drug hauls in the country's history. These drugs were to be shipped to an East Asian country.

To tackle issues involving international drug syndicates, we need the strong cooperation of our local authorities and close relations from neighbouring countries. For this drug haul, we worked together with the Royal Malaysian Police and Directorate General of Narcotics Control of the Ministry of Home Affairs of Saudi Arabia.

By streamlining our communication and information at all levels, we will be able to combat these crimes more effectively. It is a must for the Customs Department to always foster good relations with all parties across borders so that we can crack down harder on international drug syndicates as well as smugglers.



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I personally am excited to attend the upcoming Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2022 and National Security Asia (NATSEC Asia) 2022 because this is the only platform where we can truly see advancement in security and defence technology taking place.

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The talks, live demonstrations and exhibitor booths I am most looking forward to seeing is the Border Protection Specialists, Customs Officials, Logistics and Supply chains, Cyber Security and so much more. If it were to be anything like 2018's edition, I am very certain DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022 will be very informative and beneficial to our department in terms of advancing our equipment and technologies to help us work more efficiently and effectively.

I am also looking forward to meeting our counterparts from around the region and I would like to also take this opportunity to build new collaborations with our counterparts in ASEAN.

Congratulations to the organisers for yet another successful DSA to come. To all delegates, exhibitors and visitors, welcome to DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022!

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