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Selamat datang! Welcome to the upcoming 17th Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition and Conference 2022!

On behalf of the Malaysian Government, we are looking forward to resume this dynamic renown event after a two-year hiatus due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Since its inception in 1988, DSA continues to be the most anticipated event for leading players in the global defence and security industry worldwide. The occasion continues to attract ministers, high ranking government and defence officials, and private sector companies who converge to Malaysia in the interest of advancing regional security and defence whilst promoting mutually beneficial inter-governmental relationships. It gives me great pride to say that DSA & NATSEC (National Security) Asia 2022 will be no exception!

Over the years, much water has passed under the global and regional geostrategic bridge resulting in a world greatly influenced by Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA). This state of affairs has not only spawned more multifaceted security challenges but, in the process, blurred the already thin line demarcating Traditional and Non Traditional security challenges. This phenomenon has nurtured more comprehensive *Whole-of-Government* and *Whole-of-Society* approaches which are highly dependent on technology. For that, defence and security protagonists are now faced with an extended spectrum of menaces ranging from nature borne to human induced, all of which pose deadly and destructive threats to the world and the international community as a whole. In light of that, the demand for solidarity amongst nations to formulate collective responses have never been more compelling than in the present global environment.



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The Malaysian Government's National Security Policy and *Defence White Paper* resonates, together with the defence strategies of other nations, in identifying and preparing responses collectively to face these challenges. Similarly, more receptive and comprehensive *Whole-of-Government* and *Whole-of-Society* approaches have been mobilized both within and beyond national boundaries to stem threats emanating from these challenges. The key gamechanger against these threats remain to be the acquisition and application of technology and this common realization shall be the catalyst for senior members of the higher governmental and defence organisations, captains of industry and affiliates of the academia to attend the prestigious showcase of DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022.

In the past three decades, DSA has earned the distinction and accolades as one of the most comprehensive and well-organised defence-related events in the world. This year, I am very excited to bring DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022 to you, as this extraordinary event showcases some of the world's most sophisticated technologies, hardware and electronic systems aimed at providing defence and security on land, air, sea and cyberspace. There will also be additional focused segments on Cyber Defence and Cyber Security, Battlefield Healthcare and Unmanned Systems, which will be complemented by dedicated exhibit areas, demonstrations, conferences and seminars. Needless to say, we anticipate many thought provoking and stimulating discussions and deliberations throughout the entire duration of the show.

I sincerely believe that DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022 will prevail as the gathering where uncommon challenges will be addressed by common collaborations; bearing extraordinary results for global and regional peace. I hope that all participants and delegates will fully utilize these unique platforms to tap into the resources, technologies and knowledge available in the interest of preserving and advancing our collective global defence and security capabilities.

As a parting shot, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organizing committee for their tireless efforts in ensuring that DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022 remains *Primus Inter Pares- First Amongst Equals* despite the challenging circumstances and overwhelming odds that had to be surmounted over the past 2 years.

Thank you.



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