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Thank you for this opportunity and honour to share some thoughts leading up to DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024. Having participated in these amazing showcases in years past, I am well aware of the acclaim and level of sophistication that these events bring. However, DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 will bear special meaning for me, as I will be participating for the first time as the Chief of Army.

The calibre and high level of sophistication that DSA and NATSEC Asia bring are indeed top-notch and unmatched. When it comes to national defence and security, there is no denying that we live in unprecedented times. Traditional and non-traditional threats are ever emerging in various shapes and forms. They pose a clear and present danger at any given time. Therefore, a country's armed forces must always be prepared to respond to the defence and security needs of the 21st century.

In stepping up the readiness and the capabilities of our country's national defence, part of our focus lies in developing the use of science and technology while forging closer international ties, especially in neighbouring countries, towards regional stability.

Investment in defence-related science and technology enables us to not only counter threats but step up our readiness to face challenges while overcoming any advantage of our adversaries. It also expands military options available to policymakers, including non-warfare options towards the pursuit of promoting stability and preventing conflict. The Malaysian Armed Forces' commitment to engaging science and technology is also evident with the recent setting up of the Cyber and Electromagnetic Defence division, which is currently exploring the use of advanced technology, including satellites, to be incorporated into the operations of the armed forces, including the Malaysian Army.

Meanwhile, we must also seek to enhance our relationship and partnership through international initiatives. Through this, Malaysia and other countries that share the same aspirations towards peace and stability can collaborate and combine our collective strengths and resources to promote national security and sovereignty, as well as regional and global stability.

For these reasons, the Malaysian Army highly endorses events such as DSA and NA TSEC Asia because they have an impeccable track record of, among other achievements, bringing together the finest technology while fostering closer ties between defence and national security stakeholders from around the world.





I once again look forward to meeting my global counterparts and comrades to engage in deliberations and talks to strengthen bilateral ties and cooperation. If past years' track records are anything to go by, I am confident that DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 will not only be bigger in terms of size and quality but will surpass the achievements and successes of prior installations.

So, together with the rest of the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Malaysian Army is committed to rendering our fullest support, cooperation, and participation at DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024.

Congratulations to the organisers, and best wishes to all delegates and participants.

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