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Malaysia's cooperation with its regional neighbours, especially ASEAN nations, has served as an essential element to its international engagement strategy. In this regard, the Malaysian government places great importance on its foreign policy, while strengthening ties, not only with countries within the region, but even beyond across the globe. Crucial elements to a nation's wellbeing – including peace, stability, and prosperity of the region – can all be achieved through the deepening of meaningful cooperation and integration between nations.

Meanwhile, current challenges, including novel and unprecedented ones such as those presented and brought about by the recent pandemic clearly point to the dire need to enhance regional cooperation as means to address issues and concerns that are transnational in nature. But more than regional cooperation, inter-regional cooperation is equally vital in confronting evolving challenges, which necessitate the expansion of collaboration between the nations of the world.

This cooperation and collaboration will also lead to another crucial element of national and regional security – and that is resilience. In today's unpredictable security and defense environment, resilience has never been more important amidst chronic threats which can lead to loss of critical infrastructure, supply chain interruptions, disinformation campaigns, as well as terrorism and cyber-attacks, among others.

All these have the potential to divide and even weaken a society. Resilience is therefore key to a country's ability to deter, resist and recover from shocks. Defense and security forces, particularly, depend on resilience through reliable networks of the private and public sectors to bring about cutting-edge solutions to meet the needs of a highly evolving national security landscape.

This is where events such as Defence Services Asia (DSA) and National Security (NATSEC) Asia play a crucial role towards regional and international cooperation. I am also delighted that the organisers have chosen the theme "Building Resilient Nations for the Next Generation" for DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024, which will be held from 6 to 9 May 2024 at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur.

I am particularly looking forward to the 3rd edition of NATSEC Asia, which will build on the successes of prior two installations and the bedrock of the DSA platform to bring about synergies and strategic cooperation through the coming together of national leaders, generals, policy makers, government agencies, strategic thinkers, and major players in the homeland security industry.



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I do not believe that there is another event in the region that is this comprehensive and elaborate that gathers all these entities under one roof to build strategic alliances, business collaboration and successful networking. I am especially looking forward to experiencing NATSEC Asia 2024, with everything that it has to offer, including government agency pavilions, contract and MoU signings, product demonstrations, technical talks and presentations, conferences and roundtable discussions, and business-to-business (B2B) meetings. NATSEC Asia will also be able to leverage on DSA's globally recognised and revered VIP delegation management system which will enhance the quality and quantity of the delegations throughout the entire show.

I realise that organising a stellar event of this scale and magnitude is, in itself, a herculean feat, to say the least. I would therefore like to acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous concerted effort by the organisers that is going into the fruition of DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024. You have not only put Malaysia on the world map once again, but have also done us proud! I would like to pledge the fullest cooperation of the Ministry of Home Affairs, towards the success of both events.

Finally, I would like to extend our heartiest thanks and best wishes to all delegates and participants of DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024. Malaysia looks forward to welcoming one and all!

Thank you.

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