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Healthcare encompasses a wide range of issues that requires the ongoing and concerted focus of the government, and these include healthcare transformation and financing, disease outbreak, environmental health, pharmaceutical and food safety, disaster recovery, and much more.

One of the crucial components of our healthcare system is also safeguarding the welfare, health and medical needs of our armed forces and military personnel. In this area, we work closely with the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the personnel and family members of the military have access to professional and quality healthcare treatments and infrastructure.

According to Frost & Sullivan, by 2020, total healthcare industry spending in Malaysia is expected to reach about RM80 billion, fueled by increasing demand for healthcare services and emergence of new care models beyond traditional hospital settings.

In line with making healthcare more accessible to all, we are striving to narrow the healthcare gaps across the country and make services more accessible and affordable across all demographics. Certainly, this is a huge concern not only in Malaysia but also in the ASEAN region as a whole.

MOH continues to support and participate in platforms like Defence Services Asia (DSA) as it sheds light on new care models and the latest, most sophisticated healthcare-related technologies in the field of defence. Many of the practices and techniques used in modern medicine were borne out of the battlefield, and have been successful in increasing patients' survivability rates for decades. Thus, the return of the Battlefield Healthcare segment as part of DSA 2020 is indeed relevant and crucial for us in developing and moving the entire medical fraternity forward in Malaysia and in ASEAN.

Therefore, I look forward to the upcoming DSA 2020, which will facilitate the sharing and exchange of knowledge and best practices in the field of healthcare, for the benefit of both civilian and military communities in the region.

Thank you.