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***ENHANCING MULTILATERALISM
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The Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS), Ministry of Defence Malaysia in collaboration with **DSA 2012** is pleased to announce that **Putrajaya Forum 2012** will be held on the 17 - 19 April 2012 in Kuala Lumpur. This is the second **Putrajaya Forum** organised by MiDAS.



Putrajaya Forum 2012 is a defence and security dialogue that will gather more than 500 participants comprises of local and international renowned scholars, military officials, security agency officials, policy makers, researchers and industry players to address and discuss issues that concern ASEAN and nations with inherent strategic interests. Among high-profiled participants will be Defence Ministers, Defence Force Chiefs and Secretary Generals of the Defence Ministry of ASEAN + 8 member states, plus other participating nations. They will share perspectives and recommend practical solutions, while at the same time serve the Track II interaction.

The **Putrajaya Forum 2012** is very significant to Malaysia, reflecting her strong commitment to regional cooperation and integration and in fostering constructive engagement between the member states. In this regard, Malaysia firmly believes that the enhancement of multilateral dialogue, cooperation, collaboration and solidarity among the members as witnessed in recent years is essential to avoid unnecessary tensions, misunderstanding and in a worst case scenario, potential conflicts. In essence, the **Putrajaya Forum** aims at acting as a platform in taking security cooperation to the next level, and to provide an informal and unofficial channel for the exchange of opinions and perspectives and in turn help refine our stance towards each other's security and foreign policy priorities.



The theme, “**Enhancing Multilateralism for Regional Defence & Security**” is exactly relevant and forward thinking as the region is witnessing the emergence of a new regional security arrangement, the ASEAN+8. As such, this forum will focus on security issues and challenges expected to confront ASEAN nations, particularly with regard to the enhancement of regional security cooperation. **Putrajaya Forum 2012** is expected to draw useful lessons on regional defence and security issues through the sharing of knowledge, perspectives and discussion among its participants.

