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I would like to commend the organisers of DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 for recognising that national security is not confined to military operations alone but extends to every institution responsible for safeguarding society—including our prisons.

Prisons are often perceived solely as institutions for incarceration, but they serve a greater purpose. Correctional facilities play an important role in managing security challenges, gathering intelligence, rehabilitating offenders and preventing crime. What happens within our prisons has a significant impact on society at large.

A secure and well-managed prison system plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety, preventing the spread of extremist ideologies, and supporting broader crime prevention efforts. In today's world, the work of correctional institutions is inseparable from the nation's overall security framework.

We are therefore grateful that DSA and NATSEC Asia continue to recognise this reality by creating a platform where correctional security can be part of the wider conversation on safety, resilience, and strategic preparedness. We look forward to sharing our experiences, learning from our counterparts, and exploring technologies and partnerships that support the evolving role of correctional services in national and global security.

Malaysia has made significant strides in correctional transformation, but no nation can tackle these challenges alone. We need global partnerships. We need to learn from nations that have successfully reduced recidivism. We need cutting-edge technologies that enhance prison security without compromising human dignity. And most importantly, we need a shared vision. Undoubtedly, DSA and NATSEC Asia have addressed these needs head-on.



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I wholeheartedly believe that DSA and NATSEC Asia will lead the way in advancing correctional security. By working together, we can redefine not only how we manage offenders but also how we build a safer world. Because in the fight for national security, what happens within our prison walls ultimately shapes what happens beyond them.

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