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The Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) has always prided itself on its commitment to excellence. We remain steadfast in our mission to protect our nation's airspace, ensure operational readiness, and remain agile in an ever-changing defence landscape. This commitment is enshrined in our Capability Development Plan 2055, a roadmap that guides us toward building a sustainable, technologically advanced air force capable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

As a crucial part of this roadmap, our operational successes and future goals are deeply tied to the adoption of cutting-edge technologies. This is important as we continue to evolve with the times, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of air superiority and regional security.

This year's theme, "Enhancing Capabilities and Resilience Through Technology," resonates profoundly with our strategic and long-term vision. Airpower is not confined solely by the speed and manoeuvrability of our aircraft and assets, but includes the integration of a multitude of advanced technologies that enable precision, efficiency, and adaptability.

These technologies extend our surveillance reach, reduce risks to personnel, and enhance our ability to respond rapidly to emerging threats. They are also transforming how we process data and intelligence, enabling faster and more informed decision-making. These innovations enable us to achieve more while safeguarding the lives of our personnel.

This is why we hold in high esteem events such as DSA and NATSEC Asia, which are critical to our mission. They allow us to connect with innovators and partners who share our vision of a secure and stable future. From exploring the latest advancements in stealth technology to engaging in dialogue about cybersecurity in aviation, these events equip us with the insights and partnerships necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving defence environment.



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For the RMAF, the importance of collaboration cannot be overstated. Modern airpower requires seamless coordination within our own ranks and with allied air forces, industry leaders, and policy-makers. DSA and NATSEC Asia provide the space to foster these critical relationships and build a collective resilience that transcends national borders.

We need to be future-ready, continuously adapting to new realities. This is what it means to be resilient. As we prepare for the future, the RMAF takes an “always on” approach to adapt to the evolving dynamics of our operations. Pressing issues, such as environmental challenges which have brought about the increasing complexity of airspace management, for instance, have demanded that we stay ahead of the curve. DSA and NATSEC Asia offer us the opportunity to learn, innovate, and evolve, ensuring that we remain ready to meet these new realities head-on.

On behalf of the entire force behind RMAF, I would like to extend my gratitude to the organisers, participants, and all those who make DSA and NATSEC Asia possible. Your efforts drive progress and ensure that the RMAF and other forces around the world have the tools and knowledge needed to protect our skies and secure our future. As stakeholders of regional peace and security, let us optimise this opportunity and utilise it fully to strengthen our resilience as a community of nations.

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