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It is a privilege to address participants of DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026, and I extend my sincere appreciation to the organisers for the opportunity to be part of this important platform. These events come at a time when the global security landscape is becoming increasingly complex, shaped by evolving geopolitical realities, rapid technological advancement, and emerging multidimensional threats. Against this backdrop, dialogue, cooperation, and shared understanding are more important than ever.

Throughout my years of service, from operational command to strategic leadership, one lesson has remained clear. No nation, institution, or service can address the challenges of modern security alone. The character of conflict today extends beyond conventional domains, encompassing cyber, information, and space, as well as the resilience of our societies. Navigating this environment requires active partnerships, clarity of purpose, agility in thinking, and strong partnerships built on trust and mutual respect.

Over time, DSA and NATSEC Asia have grown into significant convergence points where governments, defence establishments, industry leaders, and the strategic community come together to exchange ideas, explore technological innovation, and strengthen cooperation. Such engagements contribute meaningfully to shaping a more secure and resilient future for our region.

For Malaysia, platforms like these are invaluable. Defence readiness today is no longer defined solely by the possession of advanced assets, but by how effectively we collaborate, how quickly we adapt, and how well we integrate knowledge and innovation into practical capability. The diversity of participants and the breadth of discussions at DSA and NATSEC Asia provide an important opportunity to learn from one another and to explore new approaches in addressing evolving security challenges.

At the same time, we must remain mindful that true strength lies not only in capability but also in the values that guide its application. Professionalism, integrity, discipline, and responsible leadership must continue to underpin our efforts as we embrace new technologies and capabilities.



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As we look ahead to DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026, we must remain focused on the challenges that lie ahead and the responsibilities we share in addressing them. Through continued engagement and collaboration, we strengthen our collective ability to safeguard peace, stability, and security for our region and beyond. Thank you.

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