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## **GENERAL DATO' AZHAN BIN HJ MD OTHMAN** **CHIEF OF ARMY**

It is a great honour for me to share a few thoughts in support of DSA 2026 and NATSEC Asia 2026. For decades, these platforms have stood at the forefront of defence and security collaboration, innovation, and professional excellence. As I assume the responsibility of the Chief of Army, I do so with a firm commitment to maintaining these standards which remain essential not only to our force, but to the collective security of our region and beyond.

At its core, the Army is entrusted with safeguarding the sovereignty and safety of the nation. This solemn duty demands conduct anchored in competence, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the highest standards of service. These principles guide every soldier who dons the uniform and every decision made within our institution. They also reflect the broader notion of responsible defence governance, that military power must be exercised not only with strength, but with accountability, ethical clarity, and respect for international norms.

It is in this regard that DSA and NATSEC Asia stand as clear embodiments of these principles in practice. Close to four decades, these exhibitions have evolved into platforms where governments, armed forces, security agencies, and industry leaders converge not merely to showcase capability, but to exchange best practices, strengthen cooperation, and reinforce shared values that underpin modern and responsible defence. I personally value these opportunities to learn from our partners and to share Malaysia's experiences in responsible defence.

The theme of this year's edition, "Enhancing Capabilities and Resilience Through Technology," speaks directly to the realities of today's complex and interconnected security landscape. Modern challenges demand not only advanced systems and platforms, but the maturity to employ them responsibly across conventional domains, cyberspace, humanitarian environments, and multi-domain operations. I am confident that when guided by sound governance and ethical understanding, technology becomes a true force multiplier for stability and resilience.



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In this context, DSA and NATSEC Asia serve as catalysts for shared learning and candid dialogue. They provide a space where emerging capabilities are assessed not only for their technological merit, but for how they enhance interoperability, peacekeeping readiness, and collective security. Equally important, they reinforce the norms of responsible conduct that sustain trust and stability in international relations.

For the Malaysian Army, participation in DSA and NATSEC Asia is an affirmation of our commitment to evolve alongside our partners to translate innovation into responsible capability, and to ensure that what we learn strengthens operational excellence, sound governance, and mutual trust. We view these platforms as vital conduits for exploring technologies that enhance soldier protection, command and control, logistics, situational awareness, and battlefield coordination, while remaining firmly aligned with international law and the protection of civilians.

As we engage with exhibitors, delegates, and partners at DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026, I personally encourage all participants to approach these exchanges with curiosity and principled purpose. The responsible use of technology requires not only technical mastery, but a shared commitment to human dignity, ethical conduct, and long-term stability.

The Malaysian Army remains steadfast in its mission to serve with honour, to train with discipline, and to operate in unity with our partners. Our participation in DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 reinforces this mission and places us alongside nations and organisations committed to advancing a secure, stable, and principled global order.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the organisers, the Ministry of Defence, international delegations, industry partners, and all stakeholders. May this edition of DSA and NATSEC Asia stand as a powerful demonstration not only of technological progress, but of the enduring values that must guide all who are entrusted with the defence of our sovereign nation.

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