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It is an honour to express my support for DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 as the Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Civil Defence Force (APM). These events are not new to me, having previously served at the Ministry of Defence. I have long recognised how the right technology, systems, and partnerships can transform national readiness, and I see DSA and NATSEC Asia as vital platforms that bring together these innovations to shape real-world outcomes for agencies like ours.

The Malaysian Civil Defence Force plays a unique and essential role in the nation's security ecosystem. We are the bridge between defence, emergency response, and public safety, tasked with preparing citizens, coordinating multi-agency operations, providing rescue and humanitarian support, and responding to crises that threaten lives and livelihoods. Our work is often the first line of action when disaster strikes, and the last line of reassurance for communities in distress.

For example, each monsoon season demands large-scale mobilisation from APM, deploying personnel and assets including boats, 4WD vehicles, ambulances, and specialised rescue equipment nationwide. In close coordination with other frontline agencies, we work to keep Malaysians safe. These operations continually test our resilience, coordination, and ability to apply modern solutions to unpredictable situations.

This is why DSA and NATSEC Asia matter so profoundly to us. What happens within the halls of MITEC has a direct impact on what happens in the real world – in flood-prone districts, on disaster-stricken coastlines, and in communities affected by emergencies. When we explore new technologies and systems at DSA and NATSEC Asia, whether advanced communication tools, AI-assisted risk analysis, disaster simulation platforms, next-generation sensors, or rapid deployment solutions, we are not merely “viewing exhibits.” We are evaluating how each innovation can translate into faster response times, stronger coordination, and ultimately, saved lives.



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In this sense, the theme for DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 captures the very spirit of modern civil defence. Emergencies today are shaped by climate change, urban density, cyber disruptions, and the growing complexity of transboundary crises. Technology allows us to prepare smarter, warn earlier, coordinate faster, and respond more effectively. But it also enables us to work shoulder to shoulder with our partners across ministries, enforcement agencies, and international counterparts. Civil defence is, by design, a collaborative mission, and DSA and NATSEC Asia exist to strengthen those collaborations.

I am proud that APM supports DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 as a key platform that brings together the technologies, insights, and partnerships that enhance our national readiness. This event offers the opportunity to engage actively with innovators, exchange perspectives with regional counterparts, and explore solutions that will elevate our capabilities for years to come. The knowledge gained from this platform will directly inform our training modules, operational planning, and public preparedness programmes. Most importantly, it reinforces the Malaysian Civil Defence Force's commitment to remaining future-ready, people-focused, and operationally resilient.

To the organisers of DSA and NATSEC Asia, and to our partners across the national security community, I extend my sincere appreciation for recognising the vital role of civil defence in Malaysia's broader security framework. APM reaffirms its commitment to working closely with all stakeholders to the nation's preparedness and response capabilities.

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