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## Malaysian Defence Industry In Second Phase Of Expansion - Hishammuddin

KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) – Malaysia is ready to move into its second phase of expanding its defence industry by securing more joint-ventures and promoting its products globally.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the move was in line with Malaysia's achievements in establishing joint-ventures at the regional level.

"The foundation we build can be elevated to a higher level as the relationship we have with Turkey and other countries for our military assets can be further exploited to add value to our defence industry," he told reporters after visiting the Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2016 exhibition and conference at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

Hishammuddin said the move was decided following the change in world landscape due to the different visions and directions of new leaders in the their respective countries.

"The changes can be seen in West Asia, conflict in Ukraine, development of new defence industries in United Arab Emirates and Qatar and the increase in Turkey's defence industry," he said.

The DSA 2016, from April 18-21, brings together industry players from 60 countries and trade visitors from 77 countries.

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