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The importance of international collaboration in the defence and security sectors today can hardly be overstated. As we face increasingly complex security challenges – a more contested Asia Pacific, the game-changing impact of new technologies and the wide-reaching effects of climate change – it is crucial to continuously enhance our capabilities and proactively shape our strategic environment.

It is against this backdrop that DSA 2024 and NATSEC Asia 2024 are being convened in Kuala Lumpur.

DSA and NATSEC Asia represent useful platforms for the defence and security industries of participating countries to share insights and forge fruitful collaborations. These can be catalysts for economic growth, knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

The positive spill-over effects extend to local industries, including advanced manufacturing, technology development, and research and development. As a key node for critical technologies – from semiconductors to aerospace components – Malaysia is poised to play an increasingly important role in defence and security-related industries. This Government remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that Malaysia ascends the value chain, creating high-tech employment opportunities and fostering a thriving ecosystem of innovation and growth.

On behalf of the Malaysian government, I express my appreciation and congratulations to the organisers for bringing DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 to fruition. I wholeheartedly welcome all delegates and participants. Let us embrace a future built on collaboration, shared knowledge and collective growth.

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