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The Ministry of Defence, Malaysia (MINDEF) is very proud to support initiatives like DSA and NATSEC Asia, which bring together the best minds, technologies, and strategies from around the world to achieve greater regional security and stability.

As the defence landscape evolves, MINDEF continues to outline bold strategies to confront the challenges posed by a constantly advancing spectrum of threats. Our role is to ensure these strategies are translated into actionable results, and DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 play a critical role in this mission.

These events go beyond policy discussions, providing fertile ground for ideas and a platform where innovations meet real-world needs. They transform vision into reality, offering a firsthand look at the tools and technologies shaping the future of defence.

One of DSA and NATSEC Asia's greatest strengths is their ability to unite diverse stakeholders. Collaboration is vital in defence, whether enhancing interoperability with global allies or partnering with innovators to develop cutting-edge solutions. Success in this field is indeed built on teamwork.

In line with the Defence White Paper, Malaysia will continue to embrace the value of credible partnerships, and these events serve as a platform to deepen our ties with other nations and industries. By fostering collaboration, we ensure that our forces are not only well-equipped but also well-integrated into the broader fabric of regional and global security.

At the previous installation of DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024, MINDEF achieved remarkable success, inking some 40 contracts valued at over RM7 billion. These agreements underscored Malaysia's commitment to bolstering its defence capabilities while reflecting the trust and confidence of our global defence partners.

For DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026, we intend to surpass these achievements by fostering even greater collaboration and unlocking new opportunities for partnerships that benefit our armed forces and defence industry.



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As advocates for innovation, we applaud the theme “Enhancing Capabilities and Resilience Through Technology.” It reflects our commitment to stay ahead of the curve. I am particularly excited about the initiatives at DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 that spotlight Malaysia’s contributions to the global defence community.

A prime example is the DSA & NATSEC Asia Lab, a platform that highlights the ingenuity of small enterprises and startups by showcasing their innovations, products, and services to key stakeholders and potential partners. This initiative not only fosters collaboration but also demonstrates Malaysia’s role as an active participant [partner] in advancing global defence and security capabilities, bridging local talent with international opportunities.

As we approach DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026, I have faith in the incredible potential that these events hold. I know this because I have personally witnessed them firsthand. These events play a role in actively shaping the future of our defence landscape.

For these reasons, the Ministry of Defence is ready to engage, learn, and lead. I look forward to walking the halls of these events, witnessing the breakthroughs that will define tomorrow’s defence, and joining forces with all participants [exhibitors] to ensure a secure and resilient future for Malaysia and the region.

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