

DSA 2024 & NATSEC ASIA 2024
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(Salutations)

A good afternoon to all.

1. As we draw the curtains on yet another remarkable chapter of the Defence Services Asia and National Security Asia exhibitions, it fills me with immense pride to stand before you today.
2. These four days have passed in the blink of an eye, yet within this relatively short span, the spirit of dedication and collaboration that defines this event has shone through, vibrant as ever.
3. For this year's edition, I have had the opportunity to officiate and deliver two keynote addresses during Putrajaya Forum and the National Security International Seminar.
4. During the two sessions I have adumbrated on, among others, three crucial things.
5. **Firstly**, as we navigate the complexities of 21st century, investment in emerging defence technologies is simply inevitable. In doing so, ESG principles must be duly considered and strategically adopted.
6. **Secondly**, in ensuring effective defence collaboration, credible international partnership must be pursued continuously. For that, good governance and trust must be the bedrock of such a healthy engagement.
7. **Thirdly**, in enhancing the preparedness of our armed forces, we must all pay serious attention to non-traditional threats particularly those involving environmental extremes and cross border economy activities.
8. I am pleased to note that all these aspects were given serious attention throughout this 18th edition of DSA and NATSEC.

9. Fruitful discussions have taken place, alliances have been forged, and agreements have been reached, further solidifying Malaysia's position on the world stage.
10. Particularly under the defence segment, the Malaysian Ministry of Defence and the Malaysian Armed Forces are proud to share that we have managed to conclude, among others, the following:
 - a. 10 courtesy visits and bilateral engagements at the Minister of Defence level from various countries and counterparts
 - b. 5 courtesy visits and engagements at the Deputy Minister of Defence level
 - c. 11 courtesy visits and engagements at the Secretary General and top management level
 - d. 70 courtesy visits and engagements for all branch of services in the Malaysian Armed Forces. Out of which, 36 were to the Chief of Defence Force as well as the Malaysian Army, 19 to the Royal Malaysian Air Force and 15 to the Royal Malaysian Navy.
11. Other than that, this year edition has witnessed **40 signings worth RM7.3 billion** comprising of:
 - a. 17 Letters of Acceptance valued at RM3.30 billion
 - b. 7 contracts at a total value of RM1.9 billion.
 - c. 4 of Letter of Intents valued at RM1.83 billion,
 - d. 10 Memorandum of Understandings between various local, regional and international organisations and players totalling RM0.28 billion, and
 - e. 2 Corporate Integrity System Malaysia Certificate.
12. I must reiterate that the investment and value creation witnessed during this week is still growing and expected to record a much higher figures.
13. I take this opportunity to thank all involved for your unwavering commitment, trust and continuous support to the Ministry of Defence, Malaysian Armed Forces and our defence industry players.

Ladies and gentlemen,

14. As we bid farewell to DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024, let us not view this moment as an endpoint, but rather as a new beginning.
15. For that, I am pleased and honoured to announce that preparations for DSA 2026 are already underway.
16. And for its 19th edition, DSA and NATSEC Asia 2026 are slated to be held from **20 to 23 April 2026** at MITEC.
17. Therefore, I take this opportunity to invite you all to join us once again as we come together to celebrate innovation, collaboration, and the spirit of progress.
18. Together, let us continue to chart a course towards a safer, more secure future for Malaysia and the global community.
19. Last but not least, thank you to the extraordinary efforts invested by countless individuals and organisations to bring this event to fruition.
20. To all participants, traders, exhibitors and guests, again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude. Your support and commitment to excellence has undoubtedly raised the bar for future editions of the DSA series.
21. See you all in DSA 2026.
22. Thank you and terima kasih.