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8TH ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING-PLUS (8th ADMM-PLUS)

The 8th ADMM-Plus meeting was held on 16 June 2021 via video conference. The meeting was chaired by The Honourable Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Md Yussof, Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Defence II, as the ADMM Chair 2021. Senior Minister of Defence, YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob led the Malaysian delegation to the meeting.

The 8th ADMM-Plus meeting involved the Defence Ministers or representatives of ASEAN member states and eight Plus dialogue partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, and United States) as well as the Secretary General of ASEAN. During the exchange of view session, YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri highlighted the importance of cooperation among countries in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, and the growing role of the defence establishments in addressing human security issues.

YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri also emphasised on the dynamic nature of the cyberspace which requires the defence sector to be ever vigilant and responsive, especially against cyber threats that could destabilise national security. He explained Malaysia's view that regional cooperation in cyber security, especially through ASEAN is the best way to tackle cyber threats and build regional confidence.

On South China Sea, YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri reiterated Malaysia's long-standing position that all parties must work together to ensure peace, security and stability in the South China Sea, and called upon all parties to be more moderate in their behavior in the South China Sea. YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri also stressed that Malaysia will not compromise on its national security and sovereignty.

The 8th ADMM-Plus meeting ended with the conclusion of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration by the ADMM-Plus to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the ADMM. The leaders agreed that the ADMM continues to be the main multilateral defence cooperation in this region, with ASEAN as the driving force.

Malaysia's participation in the meeting signals Malaysia's continued commitment towards defence diplomacy through bilateral and multilateral defence cooperation. Malaysia congratulates Brunei Darussalam for successfully hosting the meeting as the ASEAN Chair 2021.

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“PRIHATIN RAKYAT: DARURAT MEMERANGI COVID-19”

“BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA”

“PERTAHANAN NEGARA TANGGUNGJAWAB BERSAMA”

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