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MUCH ANTICIPATED RETURN OF DSA 2022 & NATSEC ASIA 2022

1. Last held in 2018, nearly 4 years ago, **Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2022 and National Security (NATSEC) Asia 2022**, will be held in MITEC, starting tomorrow on **Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2022**. Over the next four days, DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022 will be held in accordance with prevailing health protocols and guidelines.
2. With the theme, ***Advancing into a New Era of Defence and Security***, the concurrently-held 17th DSA 2022 and 2nd NATSEC Asia 2022 are **jointly hosted, supported and co-organised by the Ministry and Defence (MINDEF) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)** as well as the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF).
3. DSA and NATSEC Asia 2022 is the **first and biggest international event** in the country since the pandemic, and is timely as Malaysia enters the 'Transition to Endemic' Phase on April 1st.
4. It is expected that **25,000 visitors from more than 50 countries** and regions will be participating; including some **4,800 international visitors** comprising experts, exhibitors, delegates, government officials, captains of industries and foreign journalists.
5. Importantly, Malaysia will play host to over **350 Foreign VVIP Delegates from 45 countries** and regions made up of Defence Ministers, Home Ministers, Armed Forces Chiefs and Inspector Generals of Police, Service Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force along with Director-Generals and Heads of Cyber-Security Agencies.
6. We are also proud to state that **1,170 companies from 54 countries** will be participating over the next 4 days to showcase the most sophisticated hardware and electronics of land, air and sea; along with cutting-edge technology in the areas of cyber domains, border protection, citizen identification, artificial intelligence, battlefield healthcare, training and simulation systems, police and homeland security peripherals, as well as protection systems of critical assets.



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7. Furthermore, there will be **20 Country Group Pavilions** by countries which include Malaysia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Indonesia, India, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, Slovakia, Spain, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, People's Republic of China, the Netherlands, Turkiye, United Kingdom and the United States.
8. A key feature of the four-day event will be the **Putrajaya Forum 2022** on Tuesday, 29th March, organised by The Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS) and MINDEF Malaysia held in conjunction with DSA 2022 and NATSEC Asia 2022. The forum will focus on **"Shared Regional Responsibility"** over two sessions, titled *"Adapting to Regional Security Evolution"* and *"Security Without Borders"* respectively.
9. As the Defence Ministers of Indonesia and Philippines will be attending physically, Malaysia will also be hosting the **Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement (TCA) Ministerial Meeting** on the sidelines of DSA tomorrow, 28th March. This will be the **first time all 3 Defence Ministers of the TCA will formally meet since September 2018** in Manila; and will serve as an important avenue for shared security concerns in common maritime areas between our countries to be addressed at the Ministerial level.
10. After successfully running for more than 3 decades since 1988; the long-awaited return of DSA and NATSEC this time will be the first and biggest international event hosted by Malaysia as we enter the *'Transition to Endemic'* Phase on April 1st. As one of the leading defence and security shows in the world, the next 4 days will send a strong signal to the world that Malaysia is open for business and is the ideal destination for investments and trade - a much-needed catalyst to spur and contribute to our recovery efforts.

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