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### DSA & NATSEC ASIA 2022 IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS SIGNALLING MALAYSIA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

#### **A. SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF DSA & NATSEC ASIA 2022**

1. Defence Services Asia and NATSEC Asia 2022 which is globally recognised as one of the top five defence and national security exhibitions in the world, concluded today at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC).
2. The four-day event – the first and largest international event since the pandemic began, saw the signing of contracts, Memorandums of Understanding, Letters of Agreement, Letters of Intent and joint venture agreements worth more than RM6 billion, strengthening regional and bilateral cooperation between ASEAN nations and the global defence and national security industry.
3. DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022, jointly organised, hosted and supported by the Defence and Home Affairs ministries, as well as the Malaysian Armed Forces, was the biggest event of its kind to be held in Malaysia in recent times. Even though it was not open to public, a total of 33,147 trade visitors were recorded as of yesterday, in addition to the 350 VIP and VVIP delegations as well as over 1000 participating companies and more than 20 international pavilions.

#### **B. DEFENCE MINISTERS' BILATERAL MEETINGS ON THE SIDELINES OF DSA 2022**

4. In total, I have met with **5 Ministers of Defence**; H.E Bapak Prabowo from Indonesia; H.E Delfin Lorenzana from Philippines; H.E Ng Eng Hen from Singapore; H.E Pehin Awang Halbi from Brunei and H.E Uza Mariya Didi from Maldives.
5. On the **bilateral meeting with Indonesia**, we have agreed to convene the General Border Committee MALINDO meeting in July 2022 to discuss the progress of joint border posts. Malaysia will also study the Bandung model in developing our own domestic defence industry.
6. The **bilateral meeting with Brunei** saw both Defence Ministers agreeing to further explore defence cooperation particularly in joint exercises on terrorism. Secondly, we will also explore the possibility of increasing the number of Royal Brunei Armed Forces personnel under Malaysia's United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Separately, one notable outcome from the **bilateral meeting with Maldives** is to provide more training seats to the Maldives Armed Forces as well as



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discussing their proposal to have an MoU on defence cooperation with Malaysia. The **bilateral meeting with Philippines and Singapore** also reaffirmed the strong cooperation and long-standing relations between the two countries.

7. These successes are a testament to the importance of events such as DSA & NATSEC Asia as it brings together policy makers, defence and security agencies, think tanks and academicians to discuss and share knowledge to promote understanding on Regional and International defence and security issues.

### **C. COLLABORATION BETWEEN LTAT-PT PINDAD.**

8. DSA & NATSEC Asia 2022 also saw the historic moment of the signing of the Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) between the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) and PT PINDAD (Persero) on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
9. This MoC is a big first step for Malaysia and Indonesia **to synergize and build collaboration** so that both countries can **leverage on their respective strengths and expertise** in the defence industry.
10. As a major institutional investor in Malaysia, Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (LTAT) has a unique role to play in the defence industry. Apart from investing in defence businesses to generate financial return for the fund, it has a catalytic role to consolidate, institutionalise and transform the defence industry into a major contributor to Malaysia's economy.

### **D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF 18<sup>TH</sup> DSA AND 3<sup>RD</sup> NATSEC ASIA IN 2024.**

11. I would also like to announce that plans are already under way to prepare for the next edition of these events, which will be held in two years. DSA and NATSEC Asia 2024 are slated to be held from 6-9 May 2024 at MITEC.

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