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The security environment we face today is no longer defined solely by geography or physical force. It's shaped by the ability to control information, protect digital infrastructure, and operate decisively within cyberspace and the electromagnetic spectrum. These domains are increasingly contested, persistent, and unforgiving, where a lapse in vigilance can have consequences far beyond the immediate point of impact.

For the Malaysian Armed Forces, adapting to this reality is not a matter of preference, but of necessity. The Cyber and Electromagnetic Division was established with a clear purpose: to ensure that our Armed Forces remain resilient, relevant, and ready in an era where the battlespace extends well beyond land, sea, and air.

Much like the maritime domain, where situational awareness, control of critical routes, and the ability to respond swiftly determine outcomes, cyberspace demands discipline, foresight, and constant readiness. The threats we face are often unseen, evolving, and asymmetric. They target not only military systems, but also the broader ecosystem that underpins national stability, including critical infrastructure, communications networks, and the digital economy.

In this context, CyberDSA 2026, taking place from 5 to 7 October 2026 at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur, assumes strategic importance.

Now entering its fourth instalment, CyberDSA is more than a platform for showcasing technology. It is a convergence point for those who understand that security today requires a unified, informed, and forward-looking approach. It brings together decision-makers, operators, policymakers, and industry leaders to confront shared challenges and to shape practical responses grounded in real-world requirements.

From a defence standpoint, engagements of this nature are essential.

They provide the opportunity to exchange insights drawn from operational experience, enabling us to better anticipate the direction of emerging threats and to refine our approaches accordingly. In domains where the pace of change is relentless, staying informed is as critical as being prepared.



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They also support capability development through exposure to evolving technologies and solutions. The integration of cyber and electromagnetic capabilities into military operations is no longer supplementary, it is central to how modern forces achieve and sustain operational effectiveness. Access to the right technologies, coupled with a clear understanding of their application, is key to maintaining that edge.

Equally important is the role CyberDSA plays in strengthening coordination across the national ecosystem. The defence of cyberspace cannot rest on a single institution. It requires alignment between the Armed Forces, government agencies, industry, and the wider security community. Platforms such as this foster the necessary engagement, trust, and shared understanding that underpin an effective whole-of-nation response

I commend the organisers for their sustained commitment in advancing CyberDSA as a meaningful and credible platform. Their efforts contribute not only to industry development, but to the strengthening of national and regional security.

It is my hope that CyberDSA 2026 will continue to drive purposeful dialogue, deepen collaboration, and support the development of capabilities that are necessary to meet the challenges ahead.

I wish CyberDSA 2026 every success.

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