

SEIZE THE DAY, ANWAR TELLS DEFENCE PLAYERS

Firms must show tech prowess, form collaborations for better future, says PM

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called on the defence industry to seize the opportunity

and showcase Malaysia's technological advancements and collaborative spirit at the Defence Services Asia (DSA) and National Security (Natsec) Asia 2024 exhibitions.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of both exhibitions, he emphasised the pivotal role of industry players in shaping the country's defence landscape, and urged them to capitalise on this global platform.

He also praised the dedication and ingenuity of industry players, highlighting their significant contributions to the country's defence sector.

"To our local defence industry, I say to you, *carpe diem*. Seize this opportunity to showcase our ca-

pabilities and innovations on the global stage. Your dedication and ingenuity have been instrumental in shaping Malaysia's defence landscape.

"Now is the time to demonstrate your expertise. Let your pavilions stand as beacons of excellence, highlighting not just our technological prowess, but also our commitment to collaboration and partnership," he said.

Addressing the theme "Building Resilient Nations for the Next Generation", he emphasised the importance of laying the groundwork for a better world.

Highlighting contemporary threats, Anwar pointed out that increasing cyberattacks and environmental concerns were fuelling tensions.

"These escalating threats are pushing the world towards an unprecedented turning point, demanding a unified response.

"The digital realm, our so-called second reality, faces relentless cyberattacks that have threatened to compromise out

most sensitive data, undermining our security and the trust upon which our societies and economies stand.

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The 18th edition of DSA and Natsec is being held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre until May 9.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim visiting a booth at the Defence Services Asia and National Security Asia 2024 exhibitions in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him is Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

"Environmental concerns and the scarcity of resources have exacerbated these tensions.

"Climate change is not a distant threat, but a present crisis, impacting food security, causing natural disasters and displacing communities.

"As societies wobble under these pressures, the spectre of crumbling economies looms large, undermining the prospects of future prosperity," he added.