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For the fourth issue of Science, Technology and Security (STS) Bulletin, we focus on quantum technologies from three key perspectives: (1) their intersection with global supply chains and international security; (2) a case study on Malaysia; and (3) setting a direction for collective success in the field. An introduction to future issues and quantum is also featured. Images below were generated by AI (imagine.art).



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## Quantum Technologies, Global Supply Chain, and International Peace and Security | Dongyoun Cho

This commentary explains how the intersection of quantum technologies, global supply chains, and international security is challenging the understanding and regulation of the quantum technology landscape. Without proactive policies, quantum's potential could be hindered. International frameworks must address quantum's dual-use nature and commercialisation, and a strategic, domain-specific analysis is essential to inform policy solutions. Click to read more.

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### At the Horizon of Quantum: The Case of Malaysia | Clarissa Ai Ling Lee

This commentary delves into how Malaysia's policy discussions on security and science have evolved from AI to quantum technologies. While quantum technology remains less visible than nuclear technology, quantum's dual-use nature has raised security concerns. Malaysia's current safeguard regulations respond more to socio-economic-political-legal conditions, and its approach to acquiring quantum computational infrastructure relies on vendor-supplier model. Click to read more.

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### **Quantum Technologies: Charting a Course for Collective Success | Alexander Ling Euk Jin**

This commentary discusses how quantum technology is moving from an open collaborative global system towards closed-off ecosystems, thus hindering progress and increasing development costs. Likewise, the rapid advances in quantum technology are at risk due to increasing geopolitical contestation. As 2025 marks the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology, could fostering global cooperation accelerate quantum technology's benefits for humanity? Click to read more.

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