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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES CONTRIBUTIONS BY CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA

(KUALA LUMPUR) – The growth of ICT industry in Malaysia has contributed to the rapid development of the country. People and businesses are inter-connected to each other, where ICT has become part of everyone’s life. However with the increase of ICT usage, we are also exposed to various types of ICT security threats such as malware (virus) attacks, hacking, intrusion, defacement, harassment and many other cyber security incidents. However, it does not mean we should reject the development of the technology.

Realizing the need for cyber security specialists services in the country, the Government has set up CyberSecurity Malaysia under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). CyberSecurity Malaysia is responsible for providing specialize cyber security services, developing policies and initiating cyber security and internet safety programmes to ensure the safety of Malaysian cyberspace.

“Within ten (10) years of service, CyberSecurity Malaysia has passed through many major milestones and received numerous recognitions as well as achievement. The agency has been acknowledged not only locally but also internationally, and we are certainly grateful for these achievement.” said Lt Col (R) Prof Dato’ Husin Jazri, Chief Executive Officer.

Since its operation, CyberSecurity Malaysia has introduced many services related to cyber security and internet safety, for example, the Cyber999 Help Centre, which was inspired by Prof Dato’ Husin and launched to the public in July 2009. CyberSecurity Malaysia is the first and only organization in the world that created and manages a one-stop cyber safety helpline to assist online victims of cyber security related incidents. Thus far, the help centre has recorded a total of **28,995** cyber security incidents from 2008 until 2011. For the first quarter of 2012, a total of **3,140** cyber security incidents were reported to Cyber999 Help Centre.

“Other than Cyber999, we also introduced CyberSAFE (Cyber Safety Awareness For Everyone). It is a dedicated outreach programme developed specially to educate Internet users and create awareness on the positive use of the technology in cyber world.” added Prof Dato’ Husin. CyberSAFE programmes received numerous supports from other government agencies as well as private organizations based on smart partnership and collaboration concept.



Malaysia is progressing and developing; thus, people should continue to use and embrace ICT. Efforts should also be made to increase cyber security awareness and create more services related to information security. The Malaysian Government has acknowledged the contribution made by CyberSecurity Malaysia to the country for the past ten years, and has consented for the construction of a new complex at Cyberjaya as CyberSecurity Malaysia's new home. The complex will consist of an ultra modern office tower, a Cyber Security Innovation Centre (CSIC) and other facilities such as an Auditorium.

“It is a great honour for us and the cyber security industry in general, to receive this pleasant gift as a symbol of recognition by the Government of Malaysia. The new building complex will definitely boost the morale of CyberSecurity Malaysia staff and will motivate them to contribute further in developing and strengthening the cyber security industry in Malaysia.” said Prof Dato’ Husin.

He also thanked the government of Malaysia, especially the YAB Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Najib Tun Razak for the trust given to CyberSecurity Malaysia. According to Prof Dato’ Husin the new building will be equipped with the latest and most sophisticated ICT gadgets to strengthen the resiliency of the Government and the critical sectors against cyber security threats.

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