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### "THEN, NOW AND BEYOND" APCERT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE 2013 24 – 27 MARCH 2013 | BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

(KUALA LUMPUR) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist centre and an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) has been re-elected to the Steering Committee of the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (**APCERT** - [www.apcert.org](http://www.apcert.org)) at the 10<sup>th</sup> APCERT Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) and Conference 2013 held in Brisbane, Australia from 24 – 27 March 2013. This year, the annual event is hosted by CERT Australia. APCERT is a collaboration of 30 Computer Emergency Response Team (**CERT**) from 20 economies within the Asia Pacific Region since 2003.

“This year’s event theme, ‘Then, Now and Beyond’ is appropriate indeed with the emergence of new threats in the cyber security” said General (Rtd) Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed in his keynote speech during the opening of the AGM. Tan Sri Azumi is the Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia and the Chair of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (**OIC-CERT** - [www.oic-cert.net](http://www.oic-cert.net)).

Tan Sri Azumi added that "We cannot stand idle and wait for cyber attacks. We must continue to formulate initiatives and build collective capabilities to fight these emerging threats by sharing information and working together to safeguard our cyber space, our privacy, our ideas, and our innovation."



CyberSecurity Malaysia is elected by the members of the international community as the Steering Committee of the APCERT for the next two years from 2013 – 2015 in recognition of its leadership, professionalism and technical expertise. Being also the Chair and Secretariat to the OIC-CERT, which is a collaboration of computer emergency response teams (CERT) among the OIC member countries, will allow CyberSecurity Malaysia to bridge these two international cyber security collaborative platforms.

In his closing, Tan Sri Azumi also mentioned that in creating a safe, clean and reliable cyber space, APCERT will have to continue examining various cyber threats and strategising in mitigating these threats. The members of this collaboration must constantly engage their various governments to formulate national cyber security strategies and effective legal frameworks while nurturing cross border collaboration. In completing their cyber security initiatives, members must develop a holistic approach in capacity building and heavily engage in the public-private sector cooperation.

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