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EMERGING RISKS VS OPPORTUNITIES THE OIC-CERT ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014 AND 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20TH - 22ND October 2014, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 20TH OCTOBER 2014 – The Organization of the Islamic Cooperation - Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) held its 2014 Annual Conference and 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) today at The Rizqun International Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The event was hosted by the Brunei National Computer Emergency Response Team (BruCERT) and co-organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the OIC-CERT, CyberSecurity Malaysia - an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) of Malaysia. The event was officiated by the Honourable Pehin Datu Lailaraja Mejar Jeneral (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Brunei's Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Acting Chairman of National Security Council.

In welcoming the delegates, the CEO of IT Protective Security Services (ITPSS), the entity managing BruCERT, Shamsul Bahri Haji Kamis said, "It is heartening to see that there are still a lot of opportunities for real and meaningful collaboration beyond just the MOUs or mere intentions with various stakeholders viz. CERTs, technology partners and law enforcement agencies in general and Interpol in particular. It is my hope that these opportunities can be converted to actual project executions either on a policy or operational level; involving mitigation or preventive work on cyber threats, cyber security or cybercrime."

With the theme *Emerging Risks vs Opportunities*, the conference aimed at addressing the latest technologies in cyber security such as Cloud Computing and Big Data. "Cyber security has tremendous potential for economic development and has great impact on national security. Both the public and private sectors need to comprehend the significance of cyber security, the challenges it brings, the gaps and impacts it has pertaining to the political, economic and political spheres. They need to understand how to mitigate these challenges through government policy initiatives, public-private partnership and legal recourse," said Badar Ali Al-Salehi, Chair of the OIC-CERT and Director General of Oman National CERT.

"Cyber security is crucial for all sectors and this year's conference has gathered speakers and moderators from various sectors including policy makers, industry players and the law enforcement agencies. This year, the OIC-CERT focused on the challenges of managing cyber threats and the risks while searching for economical opportunities in cyber security", added Badar.



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The conference has successfully drawn more than 200 participations from 23 countries in which 19 are OIC-CERT members. The audience comprises of representatives from the business organizations, international partners, and commercial members. Among the participated countries are Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Sudan and Tunisia.

“Cyber space is very dynamic, uncertain, and complex. As the Internet has become an essential infrastructure for the economy and society, the consequences of interruption or misconduct in the Internet can have disastrous impacts. Managing cyber attacks and threat risk are always challenging especially in the present economical situation nowadays but there are also an opportunities for the cyber security communities to expand and overcome it”, said General Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed (Retired), the Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia’s Board of Directors and Advisor to the OIC-CERT Chair.

The OIC-CERT Annual Conference is a continuous initiative by the OIC-CERT to enhance cyber security and raising awareness through international cooperation among the members and other information security organizations. The event offers possible partnerships and collaboration pertaining to cyber security in order to maintain resiliency in the cyber space. It also provides an information sharing platform on cyber security issues, enhancement of members’ effectiveness and efficiency through the improvement of the technical and administrative capabilities in incident handling, and a channel to discuss strategic directions and future challenges.

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About OIC-CERT

The OIC-CERT was established in 2009 to provide a platform for member countries to explore and to develop collaborative initiatives and possible partnerships in matters pertaining to cyber security that shall strengthen their self reliant in the cyberspace. The OIC-CERT consists of **32 CERTs and cyber security related agencies from 19 OIC member countries**. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: www.oic-cert.org

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