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CyberSecurity Malaysia partners Microsoft against malware threats CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM), the National cyber security agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) announces the Cyber Threat Intelligence Program (CTIP) activation in partnership with Microsoft Malaysia.

The partnership is focus on collecting and distributing of existing actionable cyber threat information to help Governments, network owners and Internet Service Providers identify and help machines that have been compromised by malware.



Front row from right: YAB. Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry bin Abd. Kadir, Chief Minister of Perak; Keshav Dhakad, Regional Director, IPR & DCU, Microsoft Asia, Legal & Corporate Affairs; YB. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah, Deputy Minister, MOSTI and Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer, Cybersecurity Malaysia, launching the CTIP activation at CSM-ACE 2014. 2014 Back row, right: General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed, Chairman, Cybersecurity Malaysia looking on.

Malware and counterfeit software are popular threats among consumers and businesses. Keshav Dhakad, Regional Director, IPR & DCU, Microsoft Asia, Legal & Corporate Affairs explains that removing malware is only one of the steps of an entire solution to resolve cybercrime. He explains, "Organizations like CSM and the DCU have the tools and resources to fight cybercrime, but the biggest impact comes from awareness and prevention. Consumers and businesses need to be aware of how malware infects through poor Internet practices and unsecure supply chain, such as usage of non-genuine software, and the proactive steps that can be taken to ensure that they are safe online. A genuine and trusted software ecosystem is far more agile and protected against cyber-threats".

YB Datuk Dr. Ewon emphasise the importance of cyber security in an ever increasing digital age, "The Malaysian government has always put a high priority on digital development. In fact, the budget allocation for 2015 just on increasing broadband penetration in the country is RM2.7 billion. We can expect to see more Malaysians connected to the digital world in the coming years. With more people connected to the internet, the importance of cyber security cannot be over emphasized. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that Malaysians are safe from unscrupulous individuals or criminal organizations who thrive on unsuspecting cyber victims for personal gain".

Microsoft encourages consumers to report any form of pirated or counterfeit software to www.microsoft.com/piracy.

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