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MALAYSIA TO SET UP CYBERSECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC)

KUALA LUMPUR (20 January 2015) - CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI), in its capacity as the **Permanent Secretariat of the Organization of Computer Emergency Response Team for OIC countries** (OIC-CERT, www.oic-cert.net) today announced a proposal to set up Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CoE) and Malware Research Coordination (MRC) Facility for OIC countries.

“A Centre of Excellence in Cybersecurity and Malware Research Coordination Facility are expected to provide great benefits to the OIC countries, realizing that cybersecurity has become a crucial factor for achieving development and stability for the OIC - being a huge organization consisting 57 member countries.” Said *Yang Amat Berbahagia* General Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd. Azumi bin Mohamed (Retired), CyberSecurity Malaysia’s Chairman of the Board of Directors & Special Adviser to the Chairman of OIC-CERT.

On 19th January 2015, *Yang Amat Berbahagia* General Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd. Azumi bin Mohamed (Retired), CyberSecurity Malaysia’s Chairman of the Board of Directors & Special Adviser to the Chairman of OIC-CERT, with Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CyberSecurity Malaysia’s Chief Executive Officer, visited the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah upon receiving a prestigious invitation from His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary General of the OIC. His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani received the two top officials from CyberSecurity Malaysia at his office at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah. ([see photo](#)).

As an acknowledgement of Malaysia's lead in the promotion and enhancement of cybersecurity among OIC member countries, H.E. Secretary General of the OIC has invited the two top posts of CyberSecurity Malaysia for an intimate discussion on capability & capacity development initiatives and implementation plans for realizing cooperation in ICT, particularly in cybersecurity; among the OIC member countries.

Malaysia, through CyberSecurity Malaysia is the co-founder of the OIC-CERT and served as Chair for two consecutive terms (two terms are the maximum allowed for one particular country to serve as Chair). In 2013, Malaysia (represented by CyberSecurity Malaysia) was



appointed as the permanent secretariat of the OIC-CERT.

“During the audience with His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary General of the OIC, we briefed His Excellency about the roles and functions of CyberSecurity Malaysia in securing Malaysia’s cyberspace and in international collaboration initiatives. He was very pleased, and pledged his personal commitment to support OIC-CERT initiatives.”

“He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Malaysia for taking the lead –via CyberSecurity Malaysia – in establishing the OIC-CERT Task Force in 2005 and then establishing the OIC-CERT since 2009. He also thanked the secretariat members” Said Tan Sri Azumi.

Meanwhile, Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CyberSecurity Malaysia’s Chief Executive Officer, said, the meeting with H.E. Secretary General of the OIC has been fruitful. “Among others, we thanked H.E. Secretary General of OIC for the continuous, strong support from the OIC, which has been instrumental in facilitating implementations of cybersecurity initiatives for OIC-CERT members.”

“We also discussed the critical function of CyberSecurity Malaysia as the Permanent Secretariat of the organization of Computer Emergency Response Team for OIC countries (OIC-CERT, www.oic-cert.net) in creating a framework for cybersecurity initiatives for OIC countries, particularly for the members of OIC-CERT; and the important roles of CyberSecurity Malaysia, through the OIC-CERT in realizing capacity building & capability development in cybersecurity, among the OIC countries.” Dr Amirudin added.

In conclusion, Dr Amirudin said that cybersecurity is not just about technology but also about the people who are the users of the technology or somehow affected by the technology. In 2008, it was estimated that the collective population of OIC countries exceeded 1.4 billion, which is about one-fifth (1/5) or 20 percent of the world’s population. With such a huge population, even a cybersecurity awareness or education program would require well-organised and consolidated efforts.

About OIC-CERT

1. OIC-CERT Task Force 2005- 2008

The proposal for establishment of a Task Force in cooperation with leading OIC member countries to establish a collaboration amongst Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) from OIC member countries was endorsed during the "Knowledge and Information and Communication Technologies for Development Conference (KICT4D 2005) and Task Force Meeting (KICT4D 2005), which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of IDB Board of Governors from 21 – 23 June 2005 in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Two Task Force Meetings were held in Malaysia on 26 – 27 July 2006 and on 9 Feb 2007, respectively. A Task Force was formed with CyberSecurity Malaysia, Malaysia, appointed as the Chair; and the National Agency for Computer Security, Tunisia, appointed as the Secretariat. Other Task Force members were CERTs from Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran and Indonesia.

2. OIC-CERT, an OIC Affiliated Institution

OIC-CERT provides a platform for its member countries (currently, it has 19 members) 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. OIC-CERT promotes voluntary collaboration amongst CERTs of OIC Member States and a cooperative effort to enhance Member States' CERT's capabilities. Through collaboration and cooperation, it is hoped that Member States could develop their own CERTs, free from any external influence.

OIC-CERT was granted “OIC Affiliated Institution” status during the 36th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009. The Council had adopted the resolutions from the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat.

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The photo was taken on 19th January 2015 at the Secretary General's Office, OIC Headquarters in Jeddah.

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[2] Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CyberSecurity Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer

[3] His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary General of the OIC

(the two other men in the picture are the high ranking officials from the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat)

