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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA PREPARES YOUNG MALAYSIANS FOR DIGITAL WORLD

The National ICT Security Discourse (NICTSeD) 2015 exposes students to current cyber security issues & promotes critical thinking on coping with online risks and challenges

KUALA LUMPUR (8 September 2015) – The 3rd National ICT Security Discourse – CyberSAFE Challenge Trophy 2015 (#NICTSeD2015) is a new form inter-school debate competition aimed at encouraging more young Malaysians to engage in open and constructive discussion on cyber safety and security issues. The competition is intended to develop more knowledge-based professionals in Malaysia’s future cyber security workforce.

“The Internet is no longer just an innocent conduit for knowledge gathering or social connections. Through the Internet, young Malaysians today are also exposed to multiple cyber threats including terrorists’ operations in the cyber space,” said Deputy Minister of Education 1, Ministry of Education (MOE), YB Tuan P. Kamalanathan s/o P.Panchanathan, during his keynote address at the NICTSeD 2015 finals.

Out of 15 schools that competed in the preliminary, quarterfinal and semi-final rounds held in Johor Bahru last month, SMK Iskandar Shah, Melaka and SMK Sultan Ismail, Johor Bahru emerged as the national finalists vying for the NICTSeD 2015 CyberSAFE Challenge Trophy.

Meanwhile, the Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said: “NICTSeD allows Malaysian students to be exposed to the many critical cyber



security issues through research, discussion and debate. With this, CyberSecurity Malaysia hopes to inculcate a cyber-resilience culture. We will continue to organize events at schools and universities to promote such awareness,” Explained Dr. Amirudin.

NICTSeD is an annual event organized by CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist centre and technical agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), in collaboration with the *Bahagian Teknologi Pendidikan* (BTP) or Technical Education Division of the Ministry of Education (MOE). The grand finale of NICTSeD 2015 was held in conjunction with Cyber Security Malaysia – Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2015 and forms part of a series of activities under **CyberSAFE in Schools**, a program to raise awareness on the importance of cyber safety and personal information security for students in Malaysia.

The winning team SMK Iskandar Shah, Melaka; impressed the distinguished panel of experts with a commanding performance and received a CyberSAFE Challenge trophy, certificates of participation and RM5,000 prize money.

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