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### APCERT CONDUCTS A CYBER DRILL ON AN EVOLVING THREAT AND FINANCIAL FRAUD

**SERI KEMBANGAN (17 March 2016)** - The Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) today has successfully completed its annual drill to test the response capability of leading Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRT) from the Asia Pacific economies. For the fifth time, APCERT involved the participation of members from the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) in this annual drill.

The theme of the APCERT Drill 2016 was “An Evolving Cyber Threat and Financial Fraud”. The exercise reflects real incidents and problems that exist on the Internet. The scenario, for this year, simulated a contemporary cyber threat with financial motivation that targets to defraud individual and financial institutions.

Throughout the exercise, the participating teams activated and tested their incident handling arrangements. This drill included the need to interact both locally and internationally, with CSIRTs/CERTs and victim organizations, for the coordinated suspension of malicious infrastructure, analysis of malicious code, as well as notification and assistance to affected entities. This incident response exercise, which was coordinated across many economies, reflects the collaboration amongst the economies and validates the enhanced communication protocols, technical capabilities and quality of incident responses that APCERT fosters in assuring Internet security and safety.

26 CSIRT teams from 20 economies (Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand,



Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) of the APCERT participated in the drill. From the external parties, CSIRT teams from 6 economies (Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan and Tunisia) of the OIC-CERT participated.

“CyberSecurity Malaysia has been actively involved in the drill and it has become our annual exercise. Through Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT), we played the role as a Player and managed incident response of the scenario received by the playing teams. Our active involvement in APCERT Drill has helped to increase our skills, expertise as well as the process improvements of incident response and handling.” said Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CEO of CyberSecurity Malaysia.

Dr. Amirudin also urge organizations in the critical national information infrastructure to conduct their own cyber drill within their industries & sectors on periodic basis focusing on current threats that particularly targets specific industries.

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### **About APCERT**

APCERT was established by leading and national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) from the economies of the Asia Pacific region to improve cooperation, response and information sharing among CSIRTs in the region. APCERT Operational Members consist of 28 CSIRTs from 20 economies. Further information about APCERT can be found at: [www.apcert.org/](http://www.apcert.org/).

### **About OIC-CERT**

OIC-CERT was established in January 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. OIC-CERT consists of 33 CERTs, cyber security related agencies and professional from 20 economies. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found at: [www.oic-cert.org](http://www.oic-cert.org).

### **CyberSecurity Malaysia:**

CyberSecurity Malaysia is the national cyber security and safety specialist agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). CyberSecurity Malaysia contributes immensely in securing the national cyber ecosystem by providing a variety of cyber security services, strengthening the defensive capability of critical information infrastructures and educating the public. For information, please visit <http://www.cybersecurity.my>. / For general inquiry, please email to [info@cybersecurity.my](mailto:info@cybersecurity.my)

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