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### **CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA – MALAYSIAN SOFTWARE TESTING BOARD SEALED AGREEMENT IN STRENGTHENING SOFTWARE AND SECURITY TESTING CERTIFICATION**

**KUALA LUMPUR (29 NOVEMBER 2016)** – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and Malaysian Software Testing Board (MSTB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a general framework for cooperation in providing mutual benefits and synergy in the areas of testing, competency and infrastructure involving the field of software and security testing. The ceremony was held at Pullman Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Based on the agreement, both parties have agreed on the general framework for cooperation to create synergy in creating and realizing strategic business opportunities as well as knowledge and technology sharing to enrich and enhance the capability of both organizations.

Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Dato’ Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab and MSTB President, Mastura Abu Samah signed the MoU for their respective organisations.

“Through this cooperation, CyberSecurity Malaysia is able to provide joint certifications for software, firmware and hardware and where possible physical certification by another independent third party”, said Dato’ Dr. Amirudin.

Joint certifications will allow a thorough and exhaustive testing to be conducted for products which include software and security testing. This will boost assurance for functionality and security of the products.

Dato’ Dr. Amirudin added “By sealing the MoU, CyberSecurity Malaysia will assist MSTB to establish another licensed Malaysian Security Evaluation Facility (MySEF) in Malaysia for ICT product security testing under the Malaysian Common Criteria (MyCC) Scheme. The



agenda of this MoU can enhance knowledge and skill on ICT product security testing and it can be acquired by university students as well as entry-level testers.”

Both parties also agreed to include security testing in the syllabus for the current skill enhancement program (software testing boot camp) which is specifically designed for entry-level testers and also updating the syllabus for the current certified software testing program in universities by including security testing with the goal of producing knowledgeable fresh graduates who are fit to take on their first job.

Meanwhile, Mastura said “With the MoU, both organisations would be able to leverage of each other’s capabilities and strengths, and complement each other in other areas. By working together, both parties would be able to achieve more than the sum of our individual efforts.”

“Through sharing of key infrastructure, for example, would enable both MSTB and CyberSecurity Malaysia to minimize investment without comprising effective capability and capacity.”

“The envisioned joint certification program, meanwhile, would provide the opportunity for us to offer globally unique value proposition in the form of internationally-recognized certification which covers both the quality and security aspects of software and software enabled products.”

“This augurs well with the intent of establishing Malaysia as the preferred destination for software testing services. Malaysia would be a more attractive destination for foreign buyers if we have some unique and high value-add to offer. This is very much in line with the principle of the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) where we strive to create new opportunities for the country,” Mastura added.

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