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OIC-CERT SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (14 DECEMBER 2016) – The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) has successfully organised the 8th Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference 2016 with the theme, “Towards Cyber Resilience Ummah”.

About 60 participants attended the event from fourteen (14) OIC-CERT member countries. This year the event sees the participation from the Asia-Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC), Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT), Forum for Incident Response Security Team (FIRST) and Team Cymru representatives converged in Jeddah to discuss cyber security agendas revolving on the issues of economic impact on cyber breaches; challenges in balancing privacy and security; and the challenges in incident response. In addition the conference receive support from the industry mainly from FireEye Inc, BAE, Huawei and Duzon.

The 4-day event was officiated by His Excellency Dr. Yusuf bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen the Secretary General of the Organisation Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His Excellency Dr. Yusuf expressed concerns with the emergence of an ever evolving new patterns and trend in international terrorism and violent extremism particularly cyber terrorism and crime in the area of cyberspace. “I urged the OIC Member States, who are not yet members to exert more efforts to join the OIC-CERT towards making this important mechanism more effective in dealing with cyber security issues,” Dr Yusuf added.

Engr. Bader Ali Said Al Salehi, the Chair of the OIC-CERT expressed his appreciation to the OIC for hosting the event. “This annual event provides a good opportunity for OIC-CERT



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members to have face-to-face discussion to discuss cyber security and incident handling issues“. He also highlighted the OIC CERT cyber security strategy and business plan which consists of six strategies pillars including organizational structure, standards and regulations, technical and technology, capacity building, international cooperation and promotion and awareness.

The OIC-CERT annual event, this year hosted by the OIC, is a continuous initiative by the OIC-CERT to enhance cyber security and raising awareness through international cooperation among the members and other information security organizations. This event also offers possible partnerships and collaboration pertaining to cyber security in order to maintain resiliency in the cyber space. It also provides an information sharing platform on cyber security issues, enhancement of members' effectiveness and efficiency through the improvement of the technical and administrative capabilities in incident handling, and a channel to discuss strategic directions and future challenges.

In his keynote speech, General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed (Retired), who leads the Permanent Secretariat of the OIC-CERT, reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to work closely with member states to address the present and future challenges in cyber security. He also stressed on cyber collaboration and cooperation. "There is a need for trust building and transparency. This call for training, capacity building, development assistance, collaboration and cooperation," he added.

During the 8th OIC-CERT Annual General Meeting, Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates were appointed to the Board of the OIC-CERT.

About OIC-CERT

OIC-CERT was established in year 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. To date, the OIC-CERT has 41 members from 21 OIC countries. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: www.oic-cert.org.

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