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### PREVENTING AND NEUTRALIZING CYBER THREATS THROUGH CYBER DIPLOMACY AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION TO MAKE A SECURE AND SAFER DIGITAL WORLD

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**SERI KEMBANGAN (7 JUN 2018)** – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist and technical centre attended Infoforum Ugra 2018 in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation. The international conference organized by Government of the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Region – Ugra and National Forum for Information Security (INFOFORUM), is an avenue for representatives of government bodies, information security experts and IT-companies operating in the information security market to communicate, discuss, exchange experiences and views as well as forecast the emerging threats to international information security.

Infoforum Ugra 2018 is also as a unique platform to resolve international and inter regional cooperation issues aimed at preventing and neutralizing cyber threats, the search for effective solutions, consolidation of efforts through strengthening international cooperation in developing cyber diplomacy and confidence building measures.

CyberSecurity Malaysia's Chairman of the Board of Directors, General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamad (Retired) was invited by the organizer to speak at the Plenary Session of the 2nd International Conference on Information Security with the Participation of BRICS, SCO, CSTO and other countries on "Cyber Diplomacy and Multilateral Cooperation".

Tan Sri Azumi stresses on the importance of creating confidence building measures through various platforms such as conferences, collaboration and cooperation via bilateral and multilateral agreements, cyber security exercises as well as cyber diplomacy efforts in order to build trust between states thus ensuring a safer and appropriate use of ICTs.



“Mistrust and lack of transparency will lead to a more porous cyber defense mechanism. Tackling a global threat requires a global effort, a continued plan of action acting in concert and dialogue to find a common ground in responding to such cyber threats are a must. We need to develop an effective international response to cyber threats. It has to be effective, given that cyber security is an eco-system where laws, organizations, skills, cooperation need to be harmonized to be effective.”

Tan Sri Azumi also cited that both Malaysia and Russian Federation have common vision in terms of commitment and engagement on cyber security. This is proven when the Global Cyber Security Index (GCI) 2017, a survey of commitment and readiness on cyber security among 193 ITU member countries has ranked both countries in the top ten of GCI 2017. Both countries are also in the same leading group consists of countries with high cyber security commitment in all pillars of the survey that include legal, technical, organizational, capacity building and cooperation.

“There are good and best practices that we can share and so much to learn from each other’s experience and capability. There is still space for further cooperation at all levels. With the Russian Federation information security on digital economy, to position Russia in the export of information security services and technologies as well as the integration of national interests in international document of information security issues, I believe the exchange of knowledge and expertise will definitely benefit not only both countries but the ASEAN countries in general. Cyber security has become the top agenda in ASEAN Ministerial conference starting with capacity building.”

Infoforum Ugra 2018 attended by 3000 delegates from 55 countries is viewed to be the common ground, denominator and consensus in mitigating cyber threats through a continuous and concerted international cyber conflict agenda. With cyber diplomacy, the need to engage in bilateral, multilateral and international cooperation will enhance cyber security.

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