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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA LAUNCHES NEW TECHNICAL EVALUATION & CERTIFICATION SCHEME TO RAISE CYBER SECURITY STANDARDS OF HOMEGROWN ICT SOLUTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR (25 SEPTEMBER 2018) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist and technical agency today announced a new evaluation and certification scheme to ensure local ICT products meet international cyber security standards. The Technology Security Assurance (TSA) certification was officially launched at the Cyber Security Malaysia – Awards, Conference & Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2018 by YB Tuan Eddin Syazlee Shith, Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia.

TSA is a national scheme that provides evaluation and certification services for local ICT products via CyberSecurity Malaysia's Malaysian Security Evaluation Facility (CSM MySEF). The evaluation is based on Mandatory Security Functional Requirements (MSFRs) developed by the Information Security Certification Body (ISCB). CSM MySEF will also perform Security Functionality Testing and Penetration Testing to identify vulnerabilities and assist organizations in improving the security requirement of their ICT products.

TSA is one of the high-impact services showcased by CyberSecurity Malaysia at CSM-ACE 2018, an annual public-private-partnership driven and only 3-in-1 cyber security event in Malaysia that features three distinct components: Award, Conference and Exhibition. Themed "Partnership in Securing 4IR Towards National Sovereignty," CSM-ACE 2018 was officiated by Deputy Minister of Communications & Multimedia, YB Tuan Eddin Syazlee Shith.

"The 4th Industrial Revolution ushers in an era of complex cyber threats. It is critical for Malaysia to build resilience into its cyber ecosystem across industries by acquiring holistic capabilities in cyber risk and security management. To achieve a resilient cyber ecosystem, every organization in Malaysia must implement a systematic approach in managing their

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information security," said YB Tuan Eddin Syazlee Shith when delivering his keynote address at the opening ceremony of CSM-ACE 2018.

Meanwhile, Chairman Board of Directors for CyberSecurity Malaysia General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed (Retired) reminded conference delegates that cyber-attacks are fast moving from information technology (IT) to operational technology (OT), thus expanding cyber risks beyond the supply network and manufacturing systems to the end-product itself. As such, the nationwide launch of TSA is most timely.

"As industries move swiftly to capture business values created by Industry 4.0, the urgent need to address the cyber risk landscape with a secure, vigilant, and resilient response has never been greater," explained General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi.

According to CyberSecurity Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab, the TSA scheme allows local companies and developers to obtain international standard cyber security certification, gain consumers' confidence on their products, increase quality assurance and enhance their ability to compete in the global market.

"TSA is developed based on Common Criteria Evaluation Methodology (ISO/IEC 18045) and by undergoing such stringent certification process, Malaysian-made ICT products could be enhanced with cyber security features and become more competitive in the global market," said Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin.

Held from 24 to 28 September 2018, the 10th edition of CSM-ACE 2018 saw the participation of over 2,500 international and regional industry experts, cybersecurity professionals, government officials and academia. Aside from hosting nine concurrent cyber security training courses and key satellite events, CSM-ACE 2018 features more than 40 exhibitors showcasing innovative ICT products and services.

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