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### **EARLY CYBER-SAFETY EDUCATION & GOOD MORAL CITIZENSHIP KEY TO COUNTERING CYBER-BULLYING & ONLINE SCAMS AMONG YOUTH IN MALAYSIA**

**KUALA LUMPUR (25 SEPTEMBER 2018)** – **CyberSecurity Malaysia**, the national cyber security specialist and technical agency under the purview of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia (KKMM), is promoting good digital citizenship amongst students and youth by extending Malaysia's **Rukan Negara** principles into cyber space. The innovative initiative forms the core theme of **National ICT Security Discourse (NICTSeD) 2019** where students taking part were taught to uphold good moral citizenship in line with Rukun Negara when navigating, interacting and transacting online.

NICTSeD is one of the main activities under the CyberSAFE Program, which is organized by CyberSecurity Malaysia, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and private sector companies. The program is in accordance with the Malaysian Education Development Plan 2013 – 2025.

NICTSeD 2019 final competition involved secondary students carrying out surveys among peers to ascertain the best way to instill Good Behaviour and Morality in cyber space. The student groups are then required to devise a suitable program to bring about positive behavioural change online before presenting the program through national level discourse competition.



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According to latest report from UNICEF, the dangers posed by online violence including cyber-bullying and digital harassment have reached worrying levels globally with 70.6 per cent of young people aged 15 to 24 years old affected. The statistics was shared during the closing ceremony of 7<sup>th</sup> National ICT Security Discourse (NICTSeD) 2019 Grand Finals held in conjunction with **Cyber Security Malaysia - Awards, Conference and Exhibition 2019 (CSM-ACE 2019)**.

The national ICT security school discourse was open to all secondary school students in Malaysia. The NICTSeD 2019 National Grand Final with discourse topic: **“Good Behaviour and Morality— Instilling Rukun Negera principles in Online Etiquette,”** was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia, YB Tuan Haji Eddin Syazlee Shith.

“As Malaysians embrace digital lifestyle, children remain the most vulnerable to the threats and risks associated with it. Our Ministry is committed to enforcing effective policy and initiatives to further increase awareness and adoption of digital etiquette among Malaysians. We also need more digital leaders in schools to help ensure that our students are well informed about how to stay safe online,” said YB Tuan Haji Eddin Syazlee Shith during his speech at NICTSeD 2019.

YB Tuan Haji Eddin reminded that children need to develop the right reflexes to avoid dangerous situations while parents need to complement Internet freedom and innovation with safety and security.

The 7<sup>th</sup> National ICT Security Discourse (NICTSeD) 2019 attracted 142 secondary schools nationwide which participated in the state-level competitions, from which 16 schools with a total of 80 students progressed through elimination rounds.

“It is important for cyber safety education to start early so children could learn about safe online behaviour to become responsible digital citizens of the future. NICTSeD provides an excellent platform for our youth to deliberate on real cyber security issues and understand potential cyber-threats and value the importance of a safe

and ethical Internet environment,” said Dato’ Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia in his welcome address.

In the grand finals, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sultan Abu Bakar, Kuantan, Pahang emerged victorious after impressing a panel of distinguished judges with their eloquent discourse and well-delivered key points. The winning team was awarded with a CyberSAFE challenge trophy, certificates of participation and RM5,000 prize money.

The Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia also launched the **Coordinated Malware Eradication and Remediation Platform (CMERP)** an automatic malware detection & alert system developed using local expertise in CyberSecurity Malaysia. This successful project is a testament to smart public-private partnerships and strong R&D capabilities in developing advanced cyber security solutions. Utilizing advanced malware detection and quarantine technology, CMERP system is expected to significantly reduce the impact of malware threats for organizations especially the critical national information infrastructure (CNII) sectors.

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