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CyberSecurity Malaysia and Cisco Sign MoU to Strengthen the Country's Digital Landscape

KUALA LUMPUR, August 6, 2021 — Cisco Systems Malaysia (Cisco), a global technology leader in security and networking for the internet, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cybersecurity specialist and technical agency under the purview of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (KKMM).

The virtual signing ceremony was officiated by the Minister of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia, YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah and was signed by Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab FASc, Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia and Hana Raja, the newly appointed Managing Director of Cisco in Malaysia. HE Brian D. Mcfeeters, US Ambassador to Malaysia and Naveen Menon, President for Cisco Systems in Southeast Asia were also present at the virtual ceremony.

"We are pleased to partner with a Cisco, a world-class leader in cybersecurity," said YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia. "Together with CyberSecurity Malaysia, our country can leverage Cisco's proven technology, processes and expertise. The MoU complements our strategic efforts in advancing cybersecurity capabilities and capacity as we prepare Malaysia for a trusted, secure and resilient digital economy."

The MoU will allow for the establishment of cooperation in research, development and the sharing of information and knowledge between Cisco and CSM. The agreement will help strengthen Malaysia's cybersecurity capabilities and some of the initiatives include enhancing global threat intelligence, improve knowledge sharing, as well as contribute to the upskilling and development of Malaysia's cybersecurity workforce.

Hana Raja, Cisco Malaysia's newly appointed Managing Director said, "As a committed partner for the nation, we will continue to play our part to support Malaysia's digital journey and various facets of digitization, including cybersecurity. Today's announcement reaffirms Cisco's long-term commitment to Malaysia, enabling a secure digital ecosystem where economic growth and social inclusion opportunities can be unlocked with greater confidence. We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner with CyberSecurity Malaysia and the Malaysian government to provide our expertise in this area."

Malaysia has long recognised the importance of cybersecurity and has taken proactive steps to strengthen its cybersecurity ecosystem over the years. Through the Malaysia Cyber Security Strategy 2020-2024 (MCSS), the country has also looked to foster

bilateral relations in cybersecurity with other governments, international organisations and industry players like Cisco to widen knowledge sharing, capacity building and expedite cross-border enforcement activities.

Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab FASc, Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia said, "This cooperation embodies the progressive approach the government has undertaken on cybersecurity, taking vital steps to enhance the nation's capabilities and readiness. Part of the cooperation will see the possibility of CyberSecurity Malaysia tapping into Cisco's expertise to extend cybersecurity threat research through information sharing and working together in providing customized intelligence on cyber threats and incidents."

Cyber threat intelligence sharing provides a better understanding and situational awareness of the threat landscape, which is increasingly borderless and advancing in speed, scale and sophistication. A collaborative framework that involves governments and the private sector paves the way for a collective response to emerging threats and skills enhancement by leveraging the experience and expertise of a broader global ecosystem.

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About CyberSecurity Malaysia

CyberSecurity Malaysia is the national cybersecurity specialist and technical agency under the purview of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (MCMC). CyberSecurity Malaysia is committed to provide a broad range of cybersecurity innovation-led services, programmes and initiatives to help reduce the vulnerability of digital systems, and at the same time strengthen Malaysia's self-reliance in cyberspace. Among specialised cybersecurity services provided are Cybersecurity Responsive Services; Cybersecurity Proactive Services; Outreach and Capacity Building; Strategic Study and Engagement, and Industry and Research Development.

For further information on CyberSecurity Malaysia, visit <http://www.cybersecurity.my>

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