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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA ORGANISES ICT SECURITY DISCOURSE COMPETITION, AIMS TO FOSTER RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

CYBERJAYA, 7 December 2021 – CyberSecurity Malaysia the national cyber security specialist and technical agency under the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (KKMM) urges more secondary schools nationwide to participate in the ICT security discourse as one of the key initiatives to raise awareness on cyber security and inculcate responsible digital citizenship among the younger generation of Keluarga Malaysia.

National ICT Security Discourse - CyberSAFE™ Challenge Trophy, in short **NICTSeD 2021** is an english-based ICT security discourse organised annually by CyberSecurity Malaysia with support from the Educational Resources & Technology Division (BSTP) and is open to all secondary school students under the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE).

This year, the competition is conducted virtually according to SOP set by the Government following the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Based on this new concept, NICTSeD 2021 is known as the National ICT Security Discourse Competition - CyberSAFE™ Challenge Trophy (Virtual Discourse). The competition has received 75 participations from secondary schools nationwide that have competed in three preliminary stages that are Octo-final on 6 to 8 October 2021, Quarter final on 27 October 2021 and Semi-final on 29 October 2021.

NICTSeD's grand finals today saw three schools, namely SMK Sultan Abu Bakar and SMK Alor Akar from Pahang and Kolej Tunku Kurshiah from Negeri Sembilan contending for NICTSeD 2021 champion with the competition title **'Digital Citizenship In Action: Assess The Influence Of Dark Technology In Contemporary Society. An Ethical Evaluation'**.

YB Datuk Zahidi Zainul Abidin, Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia, when speaking at the closing ceremony and presentation of prizes advised the finalists



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who are today's digital citizens to be vigilant when surfing the Internet because technology and the Internet are similar to double-edge-swords.

It opens up new chapters and amazing opportunities for the younger generation. Interconnection not only enriches their lives, yet increases prospects and expansion of knowledge. Therefore, it is necessary for today's digital citizens to gain knowledge on cyber threats to not fall victim to cyber bullying, identity theft, fraud, pornography and Internet abuse that are harmful.

Datuk Zahidi also added, technological advances have its dark side and can affect a decision as well as threaten human lives because it influence the way individuals think and act. In fact, it endanger users privacy and security.

Therefore, it is a necessity to support cyber ethics and inspire these younger generation to utilize the Internet positively to ensure future generations become citizens who are cyber literate and responsible, he added.

This 8th edition of NICTSeD sponsored by Tech Capacity Sdn. Bhd., Syntx Sdn. Bhd. and DiGi Telecommunications today crowned SMK Sultan Abu Bakar Pahang as the overall champion after successfully convincing panel of experts from the industry, teachers and CyberSecurity Malaysia representatives.

NICTSeD 2021 champion took home a CyberSAFE™ trophy, Minister of Communications and Multimedia trophy and RM5,000 cash. Meanwhile, first runner up Tunku Kurshiah College received Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia trophy, a cash prize of RM3,000 and second runner up SMK Alor Akar Pahang received CyberSecurity Malaysia CEO's trophy dan RM1,000. All participants also recieved a plaque and certificates of participation.

NICTSeD Competition eventually develop students communication and research skills that are critical when pursuing their tertiary education.

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