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CyberSecurity Malaysia issues advisory on a new variant of malicious worm, *Conficker.C*

27 March 2009, Kuala Lumpur - CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national specialist centre on cyber security, under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), today announced that it is working to counter possible **impact of the Conficker.C worm to Malaysian computer users**.

Conficker.C or "*Conficker*" is the latest variant of a malware ("malware" is short for "malicious software") and belongs to the "worm" type of malware. It is not a new worm but a modified version or a new variant of an already known worm. This new variant is programmed to connect to randomly generated domains, starting 1st April 2009. *Conficker* infects computers with Windows operating systems that are not updated or protected. It then connects to websites owned by the authors (or inventors) of the *Conficker* worm in order to retrieve commands on "what to do next".

"The situation is under control and this advisory is part of our awareness initiatives to inform and update the public on what's happening with regards to cyber space security. We are taking prudent steps and working closely with the .my DOMAIN REGISTRY, and also with other international partners to mitigate abuses of domains by *Conficker*" said Lt. Col. Husin Haji Jazri (Retired), CEO of CyberSecurity Malaysia.

Cybersecurity Malaysia via the Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT) has released an advisory to address *Conficker.C* in January 2009. The advisory can be accessed through this link: <http://www.mycert.org.my/en/services/advisories/mycert/2009/main/detail/626/index.html>

"We advise computer users in Malaysia to make sure that they update the Windows Operating Systems on their computer, and refer to our advisory that



addresses steps to deal with the worm. We strongly encourage the public to visit our website regularly to read our updates and advisories on *Conficker.C* worm. Organizations and individuals are also advised to report cyber security incidents such as malware infections on their computers via email to cyber999@cybersecurity.my for further analysis and action by our cyber security specialists". Husin added.

CyberSecurity Malaysia's website address is www.cybersecurity.my

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