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SECURITY TO BE TOP OF THE AGENDA AS GLOBAL EXPERTS CONVERGE IN KUALA LUMPUR FOR 'CYBER SECURITY MALAYSIA SECUREASIA@KL 2009'

Regional cyber security conference to create awareness for businesses and public on how to protect one's organisation, wealth and family

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 JULY 2009 (TUESDAY) – Imagine a scenario where our traffic lights and transport system are offline for a day, week, month, or even just for an hour. Imagine the chaos across the nation if power grids went down. Imagine if airports all over the country were taken offline. What if bank's transaction data for 24 hours wiped out? What if these were to happen, and what would be the effect on you? Could this happen in today's world?

These are some of the issues global figures from the security industry will address the region's security managers and the people who are tasked with protecting the public, during the three-day Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009 which started from 6th till 8th of July 2009.

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“Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur represents our aspirations and hope to have everyone involved ranging from the professionals, government departments and agencies, law enforcement and right down to where it counts – the family unit. We seriously want everyone to be involved, right down to the grassroots,” said CyberSecurity Malaysia CEO Lt. Col. Husin Jazri (Retired).

The conference and exhibition with seminar tracks are also meant to promote awareness on new criminal tactics and cyber threats amongst the public.

“We are here in Kuala Lumpur to address the major issues of today, including cyber threats as well raise awareness amongst the general public on Internet safety. By bringing the best of the best, we hope to do our part to ensure that Malaysia is ready to repel even the worst cyber attacks,” he said.

“We need to understand how to protect ourselves, our organisation as well as our wealth and family in today’s connected and borderless world,” Husin added.

During the launch, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili also launched the national cyber incident response service and help centre, Cyber999. It is one of the projects within the Ninth Malaysia Plan (RMK-9). The incident response service is called Cyber999 established in line with the government’s initiative to make ‘999’ as the number to call for emergency assistance. Hence, whenever Malaysians need emergency assistance in the cyberspace, they can go to Cyber999.

The public may utilise the Cyber999 Help Centre by calling 1 300 88 2999 or via email cyber999@cybersecurity.my. They could visit this website www.cybersecurity.my to find out more information about cyber999. Examples of ICT security incidents that could be referred to Cyber999 Help Centre are system intrusion, harassment, denial of service attacks, and hack attempts.

CyberSecurity Malaysia also signed Memorandum of Understandings with five parties – Malaysia Airlines, Asia e-University, Centre for Advance Software Engineering of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Management Science University and MIMOS Berhad – on various ICT security initiatives including talent capital development, establishing general digital forensic framework, e-learning development and ICT security innovation amongst others.

“With our in-depth knowledge and know-how, we envision that this conference will become not only the authoritative occasion for network security experts, but we have also worked towards making Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur as informative and refreshing as possible,” he said.

The inaugural Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009, will feature the latest industry insights, trends and technologies. It will feature regional and international information security experts and industry players discussing on countering emerging threats to organisation in the current global and economic uncertainty.

Husin said that Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur would also feature an inaugural seminar on *Internet Safety Awareness Seminar*.

“This cannot come at a better time as it coincides with this year’s World Telecommunication Day which focuses on Internet Safety for Children. We will also hold the first-ever seminar in Malaysia on Internet and Family Values. We believe that the first step to protect our children, begins with instilling good family values,” he added.

Husin added that cyber threats brought to modern day businesses and doorsteps were increasingly worrying with the rise of organised crime on the Internet. “The malicious hackers of today are no longer the fun-seeking-teenager persona-typed-persons going on the Internet to prove that they can hack into computers of government agencies and organisations,” he said.

He said that these criminals were now organised borderlessly – spawning a new breed of organised criminals – e-mafia and even the traditional organised criminals were investing and branching out into the new illicit “franchise”.

Some of the notable speakers are The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)² Executive Director and Former US Department of Interior, Chief Information Officer W. Hord Tipton and Lab Director of the Australia Research Centre Forensic Computing Lab Professor Jill Slay. Speakers for this year’s conference have already stressed their support for what is touted the only exclusive technology security event in Malaysia.

“We would like to thank all of our speakers and sponsors, especially to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), our partners such as (ISC)²® and Protemp who have contributed significantly to the success of the event. With security on the top of the agenda for the Asian businesses and firms, we’re certain that Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur will be an annual event that the region will look forward to,” Husin added.

“(ISC)²® shares the same goal with CSM in emphasizing the need for qualified, effective IT security professionals and providing the appropriate platform for education and mentoring, to enhance the IT security workforce. To this end, this year we collaborate in bringing the latest industry insights, trends and technologies to all professionals in the field, by organizing this conference. Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@KualaLumpur provides a great platform for us to take stock in the opportunities and threats brought about by information security and, more importantly, how these are amplified in times of uncertainty. We firmly believe that if you are in the information security sector, on any level at all, attending these types of conferences is an absolute must,” said W. Hord Tipton, CISSP-ISSEP, CAP, CISA, Executive Director, (ISC)² and Former CIO, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur is Malaysia's foremost cyber and ICT security conference and event, organised in partnership with the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium or (ISC)², the not-for-profit global leader in educating and certifying information security professionals.

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About Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur

The inaugural Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur Conference & Exhibition is a premier regional event of the year in information security. It represents a joint effort between (ISC)² SecureAsia and Cyber Security Malaysia in bringing the latest industry insights, trends and technologies to all professionals in the field. For further information, please log on to www.informationsecurityasia.com.

About CyberSecurity Malaysia

CyberSecurity Malaysia is the national cybersecurity specialist under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia. The services include:

- Digital Forensics / CyberCSI™
- Malaysia's Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT) / Cyber999™
- Security Management and Best Practices
- Security Assurance
- Malaysia Common Criteria Certification Body (MyCB)
- Cyber Security Training and Professional Certification
- Outreach, Awareness, and Social Responsibility Programmes
- Cyber Security Policy and Legal Research

For more information about CyberSecurity Malaysia, please visit website at www.cybersecurity.my. To report cyber incidents such as harassment, fraud or intrusion to our Cyber999™ service, you may email to cyber999@cybersecurity.my

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