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### **BUILDING A CULTURE OF CYBER SECURITY AMONG THE PUBLIC / GRASSROOTS LEVEL**

#### **CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA IS GIVING FREE AWARENESS TALKS FOR THE PUBLIC DURING MISTI MOSTI & REGATTA SARAWAK 2009**

**KUCHING, 28 JULY 2009 (TUESDAY)** – What would you do if you receive an email that says you have just won a RM20 million lottery? And do you know that it is common nowadays for children to be bullied over the internet? Learn how to protect yourself, your wealth, and your family in cyberspace from CyberSecurity Malaysia - the national cyber security specialist.

CyberSecurity Malaysia's representatives are here in Kuching to promote awareness on new criminal tactics and cyber threats amongst the public – in conjunction with the MISTI MOSTI and Sarawak Regatta 2009. There are free awareness talks and exhibition starting from the 28<sup>th</sup> July until the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009.

The objective of the Awareness Talk is to create and nurture a culture of internet safety among the public as well as to empower them with knowledge to protect their businesses, property and families. The seminar will be opened to the public and will feature various topics designed specifically for parents, teachers and children. Among the interesting topics that are going to be presented are:-

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Securing Our Cyberspace

- i. **“Protecting Your Family on the Internet”** by En. Noor Iskandar Hashim bin Noor, Director CEO’s Office, CyberSecurity Malaysia
- ii. **“Securing Your Computer – Basic Things You Should Know”** by En. Ramani Parkunan, Executive, Public Programs, Outreach Department
- iii. **“Google Fu for Students”** by En. Mohamad Nizam Kassim, Senior Analyst, Cyber Safety, Outreach Department

According to YB Tuan Haji Fadillah Yusof, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), cyber threats are becoming increasingly worrying with the rise of organised crimes 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 organizations. The criminals are now organised borderlessly, thus spawning a new breed of organised criminals. E-mafia and even the traditional organised criminals are investing and branching out into the new illicit franchise”. Fadillah added.

The good news is that Malaysians can now utilise the Cyber999 Help Centre of CyberSecurity Malaysia, when they are faced with cyber security issues such as system intrusion, harassment, denial of service attacks, and hack attempts. To utilize the services of the Cyber999 Help Centre, the public may send email to [cyber999@cybersecurity.my](mailto:cyber999@cybersecurity.my) or go to this website: [www.cybersecurity.my](http://www.cybersecurity.my) (to report online or to find out more information about cyber999). Alternatively, they can call this number: 1-300-88-2999.

The public are also advised to log on to [www.esecurity.org.my](http://www.esecurity.org.my) for tips on security and safety when surfing the cyberspace.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Lt. Col. Husin Jazri (Retired) said: “We are here [in Kuching] to raise awareness among the general public on internet safety. By educating the public on cyber security issues, we hope to do our part to ensure that Malaysia is ready to repel even the worst cyber attacks,” he said.

“Every one of us needs to understand how to protect ourselves, our organisations as well as our wealth and our family members in today’s connected and borderless world. Therefore, on behalf of CyberSecurity Malaysia, I would like to invite the public to bring their family to attend the awareness talks and learn about safety measures when surfing the internet at the Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Petra Jaya on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. The public are also invited to visit our exhibition booth at the Kuching Waterfront. We are conducting Awareness Talks everyday at the Kuching Waterfront from the 28<sup>th</sup> July until 2<sup>nd</sup> August” Husin added.

*[note: the complete schedule of the talks is attached with this media release]*

### **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](http://www.cybersecurity.my). To report cyber incidents such as harassment, fraud or intrusion to our Cyber999™ service, you may email to [cyber999@cybersecurity.my](mailto:cyber999@cybersecurity.my)

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