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National Security Council and CyberSecurity Malaysia Collaborate to Conduct National Cyber Drill X-MAYA2

*Cyber security emergency readiness against coordinated online/offline attacks
crucial for sovereign nations in the 21st century*

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 December – The National Security Council and CyberSecurity Malaysia -- the national cyber security specialist centre under the purview of Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) -- joined hands to coordinate and conduct the country's second annual Cyber Drill, codenamed **X-MAYA2**, a simulated and coordinated exercise to assess the cyber security emergency readiness of Malaysia's Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) to cope against cyber attacks.

An annual exercise which began last year, the national Cyber Drill is a realisation of the National Cyber Security Policy (NCSP), which outlines one of its core thrusts: Cyber Security Emergency Readiness for the Nation. In 2006, MOSTI mooted the NCSP as a policy guideline to manage cyber security emergency readiness at the national level. The ten (10) CNII sectors are: (1) Defence and Security; (2) Banking and Finance; (3) Information and Communications; (4) Energy; (5) Transportation; (6) Water; (7) Health; (8) Government Services; (9) Emergency Services; and (10) Food and Agriculture.

This year's Cyber Drill scenarios involved two cyber security emergency incidences: mass web defacement and malware infection. In both scenarios, the players were required to identify the origin of the attacks, take minimising and mitigating steps, and rectify the defacement and/or outbreak.

This year's national Cyber Drill involved **28 agencies** from **ten (10)** CNII sectors compared to the previous X-MAYA in 2008 which involved 10 agencies representing four (4) CNII sectors. This year's increased number of participation indicates a higher level of awareness on the significance of cyber incidents and its potential impact to national security.

Speaking at a media briefing, Tuan Hj Fadillah Haji Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) said. "I am delighted that the National Security Council and CyberSecurity Malaysia have cooperated again to exercise the workability of the National Cyber Crisis Management Response, Communication & Coordination Procedures. While we believe we have a plan in place, there is no resting on our laurels as there is always time for a reminder for all the involved parties, as well as the opportunity to identify gaps and further improve the national cyber crisis



procedures. The national Cyber Drill is crucial in ensuring that our national critical information infrastructure is secured at all times. This is definitely important as our disaster response mechanism relies heavily on the infrastructure”

As the primary coordinating Government agency, the National Security Council conducted a study in 2008 to develop the National Cyber Crisis Management Plan (NCCMP), a plan that supports the continuance of the critical sectors of the nation as outlined by the NCSP. This plan outlined strategies to mitigate the effects of coordinated cyber attacks and advocated cooperative action between CNII agencies and other organisations through streamlining the cooperation between public and private sector agencies.

The national Cyber Drill scenario exercise annually examines the related Government and private sector machinery to strengthen the national emergency response team by ensuring that the proper processes and mechanisms are in place for effective monitoring of the CNII, incident reporting and response, communications dissemination and business continuity management.

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