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THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE – COMPUTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (OIC-CERT), AN AFFILIATED INSTITUTION OF THE OIC, BOOST COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF CYBER SECURITY

The first installment of the OIC –CERT Workshop for the Middle East Region is held on 8 - 10 June 2010, at the Semiramis InterContinental Cairo, Egypt.

Cairo, Egypt – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (**MOSTI**), is conducting a cyber security workshop in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt (**MCIT**) and supported by the Islamic Development Bank (**IDB**). The agency is representing Malaysia as the Chair of the Organization of Islamic Conference – Computer Emergency Response Team (**OIC-CERT**), which is an Affiliated Institution of the OIC.

The formation of the OIC-CERT was spearheaded by CyberSecurity Malaysia and now has 18 members from the OIC countries. “Today, we are proud to say that the establishment of the OIC-CERT has become a reality”, said General Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed, Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia, in his speech at the workshop. “Collaboration of CERTs amongst the OIC member countries will not only bring advantages to the OIC countries but also to other non-OIC countries from all continents around the world.” he added.

The advancement of ICT has led to the rigorous growth of the internet usage. Being an important tool in today’s world, the internet is exposed to various cyber threats that can undermine the security of information in terms of its confidentiality, integrity and availability. Realizing the huge impact of the cyber threats, the idea of such cooperation was conceptualized during the IDB, Board of Governors Annual Meeting 2005 in Putrajaya. The OIC-CERT was accepted by the OIC as one of its affiliated institution last year.

The series of OIC-CERT Workshops have been designed to provide a platform for cyber security professionals to interact, share common interests and exchange ideas on cyber security matters.

The first workshop is held on 8-10 June 2010 in Egypt to cater for the OIC member countries in the Middle East Region. The second workshop will be held in Morocco from 24 – 25 June 2010 for the OIC countries within the African region and the third workshop, which is for the Asian region, will be held in Malaysia, to be hosted by CyberSecurity Malaysia from 28 – 29 October 2010, in conjunction with the Cyber Security Malaysia Award, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2010.

The workshop in Egypt is officiated by the Minister of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt. “As the Chair of the OIC-CERT, it is our aim to see the development and growth of this collaboration. Moving forward, we hope this event will mark the milestone for us to work together in establishing a more secure cyber environment”, added Azumi in ending his speech.

More information about the OIC-CERT and the workshops can be found at <http://www.oic-cert.org/index.html>

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