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CSM-ACE 2010 - THE LARGEST INFORMATION SECURITY THEMED EVENT ORGANISED IN MALAYSIA

Information security experts and professionals attend main conference and 12 satellite events. Exhibition open to the general public 27 – 28 October

KUALA LUMPUR (26 October) – The Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2010 from 25-to-29 October 2010 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre has shaped up to be the largest Information and Communications Technology (ICT) security themed event in the country.

Organised by CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) in charge of the nation's cyber security, CSM-ACE 2010 incorporates twelve satellite events in conjunction with the main conference, awards and exhibition.

For members of the public, the CSM-ACE 2010 exhibition is open to all from the 27 – 28 October 2010 and the admission is free.

Themed ***Securing Our Digital City'***, CSM-ACE 2010 brings together some of the most influential and innovative minds in business, government and academia including key information security industry players to exchange ideas and technology expertise. The week-long CSM-ACE 2010 is envisioned to be an annual industry event that will shape the region's information security landscape.

"I look at CSM-ACE 2010 as not just a gathering to share knowledge and experiences but also a showcase of cross-border collaboration, a testimony of high-level of cooperation that can be achieved for a common cause," said Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia.

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“Similar to many other countries, Malaysia is experiencing rapid urbanisation, with more and more people preferring to live in cities and their surroundings. According to the last population census, nearly 62 per cent of Malaysians live in urban areas and the latest census exercise showed there will be even greater urbanisation of the Malaysian population in the near future,” added Datuk Fadillah.

Cyber security is therefore an important and significant component of national security, public safety and privacy today. With the rise of Digital Cities, nations and governments must now explore new ideas and forge collaborations to improve and strengthen security capabilities and capacities.

Even as governments across the world endeavour to boost ICT adoption, expand access to the Internet and roll out broadband technologies to more areas in their respective countries, cities and urban areas still lead in terms of penetration and sophistication in ICT use. This will remain true in the future with the center of social and economic power being located in such areas and therefore the need to secure our digital cities becomes even more critical.

“As information and communications technology continues to push the frontiers of innovation, the relevance and dependence on technology becomes a way of life. In this ‘digital cities’ communities combine broadband communication infrastructure and innovative services to meet their daily needs be it in government, businesses or the general public,” said Lt. Col. Husin Jazri (retired), Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia.

“These factors and trends we observe are not only in the field of information security but also in the social, economic and government spheres with ICT being a common thread in each area. Before the current decade comes to a close, we can expect many metropolis around the world claiming *Digital City status as well*,” he added.

In view of this, the CSM-ACE 2010 theme ‘**Securing Our Digital City**’ was chosen by CyberSecurity Malaysia to catalyse a proactive national initiative to address national

security concerns and to build community confidence by mitigating the multi-dimensional cyber security challenges in critical infrastructure, the economy and cyber crime. Ultimately, the vision is to create a cyber-secured community that is engaged at the local, state, national and international levels through a holistic approach towards cyber security mitigation and management.

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