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OIC-CERT CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP 2010 AIMS TO TIGHTEN COOPERATION IN MITIGATING CYBER THREATS

Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA (28 October) – The Organisation of the Islamic Conference Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) Conference and Workshop 2010 aims to further strengthen the cooperation between the 20 teams from 18 member countries as well as to attract membership and participation across the entire OIC family.

Held as a satellite event of the Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2010, the two-day OIC-CERT Conference and Workshop 2010 themed “*Securing the Digital Ummah*” aims to improve the awareness on the need to establish CERTs among the rest of the OIC member countries, assist members to conduct efficient and effective CERTs, facilitate better information sharing and inculcate a culture of cyber security among OIC member countries.

At the opening, Datuk Haji Fadilah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation said: “The existence of the OIC-CERT is in line with the broad objectives of the OIC which has embarked on many programmes and initiatives to promote cooperation and coordination amongst member states and to raise and address the political, socioeconomic and cultural challenges confronting the Islamic World.”

The OIC-CERT conference and workshop also provides a platform for the OIC member countries to exchange ideas and expertise as well as to promote joint research and development to deal with global cyber space threats.

“To date, the collaboration of CERTs amongst the OIC member countries has not only brought benefits to the OIC countries but also to non-OIC countries all over the world,” said General Dato’ Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed (Retired), Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia and OIC-CERT.

“I am convinced that a successful collaboration by members of the OIC-CERT will result in value creation, economically and socially, by being a platform that fosters greater trust, long-term friendship and business cooperation. I call upon all members of the OIC-CERT to play a greater part in promoting and creating awareness amongst the other OIC member countries” he added.

CyberSecurity Malaysia, under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (**MOSTI**) has played a pivotal role in the conceptualisation and subsequent formalisation of the OIC-CERT in January 2009. Since the establishment of CERTs among OIC member countries, it has successfully provided computer incidence response services against cyber threats in a coordinated manner. The OIC-CERT does this by interconnecting OIC member countries with the global community to collaborate, support and cooperate in disseminating cyber alerts on real-time. CyberSecurity Malaysia is currently representing Malaysia as the Chair of the OIC-CERT which is an affiliated institution of the OIC.

The OIC-CERT Summit 2010 was officiated by YB Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia and attended by approximately 100 participants from 16 OIC member countries.

At the conference, Datuk Fadilah also launched the *Child Online Protection Handbook (Malaysia Edition)*, a guidebook to effectively implement Child Online Protection (**COP**) at the national and regional levels along with creating increased awareness of the risks and threats in the cyber space for children.

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

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