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NEW ICT SECURITY INDUSTRY STATUS SET TO SPUR MALAYSIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

Malaysia now the first country in ASEAN and developing countries to be accepted as Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) Authorising Participant member, a prestigious status within an elite group of only 15 countries worldwide

(KUALA LUMPUR) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation (MOSTI), today announced that Malaysia has been awarded the prestigious status of Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) Certificate Authorising Participant member. The official announcement was declared by the Chairman of Common Criteria Management Committee's Mr. Dag Ströman during the opening ceremony of the 12th International Common Criteria Conference (12thICCC) at the One World Hotel in Petaling Jaya earlier today.

"We are truly proud and honored that Malaysia, through CyberSecurity Malaysia, has achieved the International Common Criteria Committee's recognition as a Certificate Authorising Participant member, the first in ASEAN and developing country to attain such status and to join an elite group of only 15 countries worldwide," said Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia.

"With this recognition, Malaysia has proven its capabilities to the world in the field of information security. This would further bolster Malaysia's competitiveness in quality assurance of information security based on the Common Criteria standard and build end-user confidence towards Malaysian information security solutions," he added.

CyberSecurity Malaysia through its Malaysian Common Criteria Evaluation and Certification (MyCC) Scheme is now able to issue Common Criteria (ISO15408) certificates on ICT products, which are immediately recognized by all Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) member countries consisting of 26 countries worldwide.



A Common Criteria evaluation provides an independent review and analysis of a product's security against a defined set of assurance requirements. The independent security evaluation serves to determine the level of security and assurance of various ICT products including software, firmware and hardware as claim by the vendors.

In his keynote address, Datuk Seri Dr. Maximus highlighted that Malaysia's ICT security services market is estimated to grow further to more than RM400 million by the year 2014. With the new Common Criteria member status, Malaysia's ICT industry is set to grow even aggressively. He also urged captains of the industry to participate in the newly formed Global Cyber Security Alliance (GCSA) to drive cyber security as a new source of economic growth for Malaysia and to reinforce the capability and capacity of cyber security around the world.

Speaking to journalists after the opening ceremony, CyberSecurity Malaysia Chief Executive Officer Lt Col Prof Dato' Husin Jazri (Retired) said that Malaysia can look ahead to offer ICT security assurance services to the ASEAN region as well as Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member Countries.

"The Common Criteria (CC) recognition has put certified Malaysian ICT products in good stead to penetrate international ICT markets, including government sectors which demand rigorous independent analysis and stringent certification process. Malaysian ICT products today can leverage the CC benchmark to compete effectively against similar categories of products on the global ICT market", said Prof Dato' Husin. "We call upon Malaysian ICT companies to approach CyberSecurity Malaysia to learn more about the Common Criteria Certification process and how it can benefit their product marketing edge."

The three-day conference, hosted by CyberSecurity Malaysia, was officiated by Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia. 12th ICC is a major event by the global ICT security industry which facilitates valuable knowledge sharing among the region's top technology security experts from various established certification bodies and evaluation laboratories.

Some of the world's most prominent chief technologists, policy makers, and product developers converged here today to exchange policies and ideas on the specification, development, evaluation and certification of ICT security products.

The annual conference brings together Certification Bodies, Evaluation Laboratories, Experts, Policy Makers, and Product Developers from across the globe to discuss issues, updates in security evaluation, certification process and standards.

12th ICCC is supported and sponsored by various partners such as MyCEB (Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau), SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation), INNOVATIVE INTELLIGENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT LLC, stratsec.net Sdn Bhd, Microsoft, and Symantec Co.

For more Information on 12th ICCC, please visit <http://12iccc.cybersecurity.my/>

Information on Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) can be obtained at: www.commoncriteriaportal.org/ccra/

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