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### APCERT EMBARKS ON GLOBAL COORDINATION TO MITIGATE ADVANCE PERSISTENT THREATS

**(KUALA LUMPUR)** - The Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) today has successfully completed its annual drill to test the response capability of leading Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRT) from Asia Pacific economies. For the first time, APCERT included the participation of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) in the annual drill, following a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration signed in 2011.

“CyberSecurity Malaysia through its security response arm, MyCERT, is proud to be part of this annual event as this establishes stronger ties among the leading security teams in the region.” said Lt Col (R) Prof Dato’ Husin Jazri, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia. He also added “Securing the nation is not a one-off event, but a process that consists of many activities to ensure the right people, process and technology are in place”.

The theme of the APCERT Drill 2012 is “Advance Persistent Threats and Global Coordination”. The objective of the drill is for participating teams to exercise incident response handling arrangements locally and internationally to mitigate the impact of advance persistent threats that involved large scale malicious software propagation and attacks capable of impairing the critical infrastructure and economic activities. This exercise reflected the strong collaboration amongst the economies, and it also enhanced the communication protocols, technical capabilities and quality of incident responses for assuring Internet security and safety.

22 CSIRT teams from 17 economies (Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) of APCERT and 3 CSIRT teams from 3 economies (Tunisia, Egypt and Pakistan) of OIC-CERT participated in the drill.

## About APCERT

APCERT was established by leading and national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) from the economies of the Asia Pacific region to improve cooperation, response and information sharing among CSIRTs in the region. APCERT consists of **28 CSIRTs from 19 economies**. Further information about APCERT can be found on [www.apcert.org](http://www.apcert.org).

## About OIC-CERT

OIC-CERT was established in June 2005, to provide a platform for member countries to explore and to develop collaborative initiatives and possible partnerships in matters pertaining to cyber security that shall strengthen their self reliant in the cyberspace. OIC-CERT consists of 22 **CERTs and cyber security related agencies from 18 economies**. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: [www.oic-cert.net](http://www.oic-cert.net).

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