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## CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA LAUNCHES SOUTHEAST ASIA'S 5G CYBER SECURITY TEST LAB

**CYBERJAYA, 14 December 2021** – Minister of Communications and Multimedia, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima TPr Anuar Haji Musa, today launched the 5G Cyber Security Test Lab (My5G), National Cyber Security Awareness Module (MKKSN) and the Cyber Security Enhancement Project for SME (PGPKS).

This is in line with CyberSecurity Malaysia's effort as a cyber security technical and specialist agency under the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (KKMM), in strengthening the country's cyber transformation to remain resilient in conjunction with Cyber Security Malaysia - Awards, Conference & Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2021 themed '#Cyber Transform', an annual public-private partnership-based cyber security event.

The 5G Cyber Security Test Lab or My5G is Southeast Asia's first specialist security evaluation and test facility testing for 5G products, devices and applications. This laboratory was built at CyberSecurity Malaysia, Cyberjaya and is expected to be fully operational by 2023.

Tan Sri Annuar in his keynote speech said the Government plays important role in setting up cybersecurity framework and ensuring 5G operators and technology providers in Malaysia secure their services. The launch of 5G Cyber Security Test Lab represents giant step towards strengthening the nation's cyber security capabilities in preparation for the 5G launch.

Tan Sri Annuar also urged organisations in Malaysia to continue to strengthen cyber security resilience through Cyber Transformation as Digital Transformation drives adoption of Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0) technologies that expose them to cyber threats. Cyber Transformation improves business growth and efficiency while reducing cyber risks as well as creating opportunities through adoption of new digital technologies.

"Cyber threats are constantly evolving. Therefore, we need to adopt holistic approach to ensure people, processes and technology are aligned to our cyber risk management", he added.







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CyberSecurity Malaysia also introduced two major initiatives in an effort to strengthen cyber resilience of Keluarga Malaysia as well as the business sector. The National Cyber Security Awareness Module (MKKSN) is an online teaching and learning module on cyber security awareness targeting primary and secondary school students under the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) developed in collaboration with the Educational Resources and Technology Division (BSTP).

MKKSN aims to produce ethical and civilized school children when online through increased cyber security awareness and to reduce negative impacts among these students such as emotional and health disorders, and other unethical online behaviours.

The Cyber Security Enhancement Project for SME (PGPKS) is a targeted assistance program offering comprehensive cyber security health check to prevent Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) from cyber security threats. This program is expected to benefit over 300 local SMEs that rely heavily on ICT in their daily operations.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Board of CyberSecurity Malaysia, General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed (Retired) in his speech highlighted the need for Malaysia to accelerate its capacity development in cyber security to prepare for evolving cyber threats in 5G networks environment.

"Competency training on key requirements, capabilities, usage scenarios, and 5G innovations is critical as Malaysia prepares for 5G network rollout. Our next generation cyber security professionals need to be conscious of advanced cyber threats that will emerge as 5G technologies are adopted along with new applications and services, "said Tan Sri Mohd Azumi.

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of CSM-ACE, scheduled to take place from 14 to 17 December 2021, is a hybrid conference attended by cyber security professionals, industry leaders, tech investors, academia, and government officials. Industry specific symposiums and insightful panel discussions as well as a cyber security career fair are organised throughout the conference.

The annual Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2021 also will be presented to organisations and individuals who have contributed significantly to Malaysia's information security and cyber security industry.

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