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THE OIC-CERT SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED THE 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN (9 NOVEMBER 2017) – The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) has successfully organised the 9th Annual Conference 2017 with the theme, "Uncovering Future Threats".

About 200 participants from 34 countries which include 21 OIC-CERT member countries attended this annual event that was held in Baku, Azerbaijan with the focus to discuss cyber security agendas. These include topics and issues pertaining to threat origins; the different approaches in mitigating cyber-attacks; and the need for new governance and security solutions in curtailing new challenges in cyber security.

The 4-day event, from 6 to 9 November, was officiated by Mr. Mursal Valiyev, the Deputy Head of Special State Protection Services and Head of Special Communication and Information Security State Agency of Azerbaijan. "International collaboration and cooperation in the field of cybersecurity is crucial in combating cybercrime as no one nation can work alone in facing its borderless nature", said Mr Valiyez. ''As a Board member of the OIC-CERT, Azerbaijan is committed and will continue to support the activities of the OIC-CERT to achieve its objectives, mission and vision".

Engr. Bader Ali Said Al Salehi, the Chair of the OIC-CERT and the Director General of the Oman National CERT said, "This annual event has the most country participation so far and this provides a good opportunity for OIC-CERT members to have face-to-face interaction to discuss cyber security and incident handling issues". He also highlighted that this year's theme blended well with the OIC-CERT cyber security strategy and business plan that look into organisational structure, standards and regulations, technical and technology, capacity building, international cooperation and promotion and awareness.

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Mr. Wajdi Al Quliti, the OIC's Director of Information Technology Department expressed the OIC's continued concern with the emergence of an ever-evolving new patterns and trend in international terrorism and violent extremism particularly cyber terrorism and crime in the area of cyber space. In this regard, Mr Wajdi Al Quliti announced the establishment of the OIC Cyber Security Centre which is expected to be operational in the very near future to combat cyberterrorism.

General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed (Retired), Advisor to the OIC-CERT Chair and the Chairman of the Board of Directors, CyberSecurity Malaysia, explained that this year's theme is concerned with uncovering future cyber threats that are looming on the horizon and the need to ensure that all levels of organisations are well prepared to face any circumstances. "With the right focus and efforts, the damages caused by these threats can be minimised", Tan Sri Azumi added.

The OIC-CERT annual event is a continuous initiative by the OIC-CERT to enhance cyber security and raising awareness through international cooperation among the members and information security organisations. This event also offers possible partnerships and collaboration pertaining to cyber security in order to maintain resiliency in the cyber space. It also provides an information sharing platform on cyber security issues, enhancement of members' effectiveness and efficiency through the improvement of the technical and administrative capabilities in incident handling, and a channel to discuss strategic directions and future challenges.

In conjunction with the Annual Conference, two technical workshops and a forum session were conducted. The workshop on the National Framework for Cybersecurity Education involved exercises simulating business environment facing a series of unexpected cyber threats, and the workshop Utilizing Endpoint Analysis Data on Big Data Platforms to Discover Threats Against Large Scale Enterprises. The forum session with ADA University on Transforming Education with Technology was held to discuss the state of education in Information Communication Technology.

About OIC-CERT
OIC-CERT was established in year 2009, 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. To date,

the OIC-CERT has 41 members from 21 OIC countries. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: www.oic-cert.org.

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