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MALAYSIA PARTICIPATES IN APCERT'S CYBER DRILL ON DDOS ATTACKS

SERI KEMBANGAN (24 March 2017) – Malaysia through CyberSecurity Malaysia has participated in the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team's (APCERT) annual drill to test the response capability of leading Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRT) from the Asia Pacific economies.

Themed "Emergence of a New Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Threat", the APCERT Drill this year involved participating teams mitigating DDoS incidents triggered by a type of malware which has been widely observed in the Asia Pacific region.

Throughout the exercise, which was completed on 22 March 2017, the participating teams activated and tested their incident handling arrangements.

"Our participation in the APCERT drill is very important indeed as we believe nations in the Asia Pacific region should band together and collaborate more closely to enhance our skills, expertise and process in incident response handling to increase our vigilance against the current trends of DDoS threats," said Dato' Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab, CEO of CyberSecurity Malaysia.

Given the increasing and emerging DDoS threats, Dato' Dr. Amirudin says that



CyberSecurity Malaysia and its counterparts in the region are continuously enhancing collaboration on initiatives to target and mitigate DDoS threats.

In Malaysia, incidents involving DDoS attacks have been on the rise for the past three years. The incidents involving DDoS attacks reported to CyberSecurity Malaysia have increased to 66 in 2016, that's almost double from 38 incidents in 2015. In 2014, the incidents recorded stood at 38. As of February 2017, CyberSecurity Malaysia has recorded 11 incidents involving DDoS attacks.

The APCERT drill also included the need to interact with local and international CSIRTs/CERTs, and victim organisations, for the coordinated suspension of malicious infrastructure, analysis of malicious code, as well as notification and assistance to affected entities.

The incident response exercise reflects the collaboration amongst the economies and validates the enhanced communication protocols, technical capabilities and quality of incident responses that APCERT fosters in assuring Internet security and safety.

Apart from Malaysia, 23 APCERT teams from 17 other economies (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) along with 4 CSIRTs from 4 member countries (Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria and Pakistan) of the OIC-CERT participated in the drill.

Held for the sixth time, this year's drill also involved the participation of members from the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT).

CyberSecurity Malaysia, which is the permanent secretariat for the OIC-CERT, leads the cyber security efforts among the OIC member countries.

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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 Operational Members consist of 28 CSIRTs from 20 economies. Further information about APCERT can be found at: www.apcert.org/.

About OIC-CERT

OIC-CERT was established in January 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. OIC-CERT consists of 33 CERTs, cyber security related agencies and professional from 20 economies. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found at: www.oic-cert.org.

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