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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA LEADERSHIP ATTAINS GLOBALLY RENOWNED CERTIFIED CISO (C|CISO) TRAINING AND CREDENTIAL TO IMPROVE INFORMATION SECURITY IN MALAYSIA

SERI KEMBANGAN (7 April 2016) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) have successfully trained their top information security leadership in one of the world's most renowned C-Level information security certification programs, EC-Council's Certified CISO (**C|CISO**). Training the top CyberSecurity Malaysia information security professional in the latest executive information security best practices like those found in the **C|CISO** program is part of the overall effort to improve the information security of the Malaysian government through effective leadership.

This initiative by CyberSecurity Malaysia is important in a country where there is a great dearth of CISOs (Chief Information Security Officers) or capable information security leaders and where majority of strategic organizations are currently operating without a CISO as part of their company hierarchy. The impact of a lack of information security leadership can be felt each time there is a cyber security breach that could have be prevented. CyberSecurity Malaysia leadership, by successfully attaining the title of **C|CISO**, have shown a dedication to addressing this challenge head-on by training information security professionals in the five domains of the **C|CISO** program.

Mr. Jay Bavisi, speaking on the success of the partnership between EC-Council and CSM, emphasized the impact the training will have not just on the executives that took the training, but on the region's cybersecurity as a whole: "We are hopeful that by training these talented InfoSec executives in the Certified CISO Body of Knowledge, we will actually see a change in the overall security posture implementation of the Malaysian government as well as the

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business community of Malaysia."

The **C|CISO** program addresses how to align information security with the goals of the business or organize with the effect of creating a security program that is integral to the business or organization's success. Many times, one of the greatest challenges for an information security program is overcoming the culture of the organization in which it operates and go from being seen as a hindrance to progress to an important component of success.

Danish Arshad, the Executive Director of EC-Council Global Services (**EGS**) says, "The biggest challenge in ASEAN countries now is the lack of focused leadership for information security within organizations. It translates to a drastically low number of CISOs within the government and corporate sectors. It also creates individual silos within organizations of various departments all contributing to information security but working independently, which leads to gaps in the information security ecosystem that cyber criminals can exploit. CSM has shown great leadership by example by emphasizing the importance of skilled information security leadership in a particular security ecosystem of a organization."

Meanwhile, Dr. Amiruddin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia says, "Training provides opportunity to acquire knowledge, develop and strengthen skills as well as eliminate weaknesses. A development program such as **C|CISO** brings employees to another level which makes them posses the ability to perform effectively and confidently. We are very proud to announce that our Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Dr Solahuddin Shamsuddin received the highest score in the world for **C|CISO**, thus incorporating him as one of the top 10 CISO globally."

CyberSecurity Malaysia encourages its employees to equip themselves with a new set of knowledge and skills. They have to continuously look for a training opportunity. Employees with cyber security skills are critical to protect the digital infrastructures. "we need cyber security professionals who understand what works in theory and practice. With the nation facing new and dynamic risks, threats, and vulnerabilities, a highly skilled cyber security workforce capable of responding to these challenges is needed more than ever." added Dr. Amirudin

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C|CISO certification program not only enables current and prospective information security leaders to enhance their knowledge of areas like information security risk management, management and technical controls, governance and compliance, and auditing but also focuses on areas which are extremely integral but often not ignored in other information security management programs. These areas include strategic planning, financial management, vendor management, and leadership skills.

The content of the program is proving extremely popular with information security professionals around the world as the program continues to grow and gain influence. Just last month a survey by Certification Magazine found professionals holding the **C|CISO** certification had the second highest salary overall and fourth highest salary for just US salaries of all 800 programs surveyed. The class itself has proven to be so popular that in the United States, EC-Council is running 20 classes all over the country to satisfy the demand for in-person training. Also, EC-Council has hired a full time instructor and mentor for the program to lead as many classes as possible as well as directly contribute to the content, Mr. Keyaan Williams. Williams more than 15 years of professional experience in Information Security and is known for directing the information security program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

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