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APCERT EMBARKS ON CYBER ATTACKS BEYOND TRADITIONAL SOURCES

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 the Asia Pacific economies. For the fourth time, APCERT involved the participation of members from the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) in this annual drill.

The theme of the APCERT Drill 2015 was “Cyber Attacks beyond Traditional Sources”. The exercise reflects real incidents and problems that exist on the Internet. The teams were tasked to handle a massive cyber attack campaign against a government, which leverages vulnerabilities in home router devices.

Throughout the exercise, the participating teams activated and tested their incident response handling arrangements. This included the need to interact between CSIRT/CERT both locally and internationally, in order to dismantle and resolve the Denial of Service infrastructure involving compromised home devices. This incident response exercise, which was coordinated across many economies, reflects the strong 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.

25 CSIRT teams from 19 economies (Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) of the APCERT participated in the drill. From the external parties, CSIRT teams from 3 economies (Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia) of the OIC-CERT participated.

“CyberSecurity Malaysia continues to play an important role in both APCERT and OIC-CERT as part of its strategy to strengthen international cooperation in order to strengthen the capability to mitigate cyber attacks. Currently a member of the steering committee of both organizations, CyberSecurity Malaysia is also the permanent secretariat of the OIC-CERT. The agency has been a key player in the APCERT Drill since 2007 and was responsible in bringing the OIC-CERT teams to take part in the drill. Our

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experience in this large-scale cross-border drill helps to prepare our team to mitigate actual cross-border cyber attacks, which could happen to Malaysia anytime." Says Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia.

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 27 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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