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STUDENTS ARGUE OVER CYBERBULLYING, SOCIAL MEDIA AND PLAGIARISM AT THE 'THE NATIONAL ICT SECURITY DISCOURSE - CYBERSAFE™ CHALLENGE TROPHY 2014'

A discourse that every debate want to be - held in conjunction with Cyber Security Malaysia - Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2014 from 12 to 15 Nov at the Casuarina@Meru, Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan. #CSMACE14. #NICTSeD14

IPOH, PERAK DARUL RIDZUAN (13 November 2014) – 500 secondary school students gathered and witnessed the grand finale of the NATIONAL ICT SECURITY DISCOURSE – CYBERSAFE™ CHALLENGE TROPHY 2014 (#NICTSeD14) on 13 November, at the Casuarina@Meru Hotel in Ipoh, Perak; where 16 teams, with a total of 80 participants signed up for the discourse, which is a form of inter-school debate but with a cyber twist and higher standard of competition. #NICTSeD14 is an intellectual and analytical challenge to undertake a comparative analysis and understanding of ICT security issues such as cyberbullying, pro & cons of social media, and plagiarism. The participants are required to demonstrate their grasp of the subject verbally as well as in written form, and they are allowed to use the Internet and their gadgets (smartphones, tablets, etc) to prepare, present and defend their side of the proposal. In addition, the participants had to answer questions from the Panel of Experts (PoE) who acted as juries. The PoE also closely scrutinize the team's presentation materials.

YB. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) officiated the closing of the #NICTSeD14 and presented the prizes and certificates to the outstanding participants and winners of the discourse.

Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar was very happy with the quality of the competition and the exceptional efforts put in by all participating teams. "I am encouraged by the creativity and resourcefulness of these young participants, who will become important stakeholders of Malaysia's digital economy in the future." said the Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar.

"It is also heartening to see the students, our future generation and future leaders of Malaysia, demonstrate such passion and conviction in defending their facts in their proposal based on the topic of cyber safety and Internet security." He added.

#NICTSeD14 is organized by CyberSecurity Malaysia, the National cyber security specialist agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) in collaboration with Bahagian Teknologi Pendidikan, Ministry of Education; in conjunction with the Cyber Security Malaysia - Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2014.

CSM-ACE 2014 is organized by CyberSecurity Malaysia in partnership with Perak State Government from 12 to 15 November 2014

In his speech, Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar also reminded Malaysian cyber users to adopt digital ethics and etiquette, saying that while sound technical knowledge paves way to a firm foundation of digital citizenship, Malaysians must be mindful that good digital ethics and etiquette are just as important.

He also said, "Ethics provides our future workforce with a moral compass in making sound decisions on cyber behavior, while digital etiquette ensures that online social norms are adhered to. This will reduce inappropriate online behaviour such as cyber-defamation, identity theft and piracy."

Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia is also concerned about deteriorating online ethics, most evidently in social media trolling.

According to Dr. Amirudin, "Misuse or abuse of the Internet is a national concern that CyberSecurity Malaysia is presently addressing by way of educating young Malaysians on the proper use of the Internet through our Outreach Program known as CyberSAFE™, which stands for Cyber Security Awareness for Everyone."

CyberSAFE^{TM} is a registered trademark owned by CyberSecurity Malaysia, with DiGi Telecommunications and KPMG as CyberSAFE^{TM} corporate partners. The cash prizes for #NICTSeD14 are sponsored by KPMG.

There are two main programs under CyberSAFE^{TM}, namely the 'CyberSAFE in Schools', which was launched by the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia on 24 September 2010; and the CyberSAFE Ambassadors program. NICTSeD is part of the 'CyberSAFE in Schools' program.

"CyberSAFE^{TM} is a nationwide program, and the NICTSeD- CyberSAFE^{TM} Challenge Trophy is a very important component of CyberSAFE^{TM} because we get to hear the feedback from the students. We get the privilege to listen to the students' minds, by listening to how they present and argue the facts on cyber security." Added Dr. Amirudin.

About CSM-ACE

CyberSecurity Malaysia organised its first conference and exhibition event in 2009 in collaboration with (ISC)2, an Information Security training company based in USA, with a regional office in Hong Kong. It was during the event that CyberSecurity Malaysia introduced the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards (MCSA). In 2010, CyberSecurity Malaysia launched the CSM-ACE brand name when it organised a 3-in-1 event comprising an industry Award (Malaysia Cyber Security Awards), a Conference, Exhibition and various satellite events involving international brands as well as local brands of ICT security seminar or conference. Since 2012, the CSM-ACE has become an annual, national cyber security summit featuring its signature 3-in-1 Awards, Conference & Exhibition (hence the acronym "A.C.E."), plus an international seminar or conference, and a CyberSAFE program for the youth and the young digital citizens. For more information on CSM-ACE 2014, please go to **www.csm-ace.my.**

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