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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CROSS-BORDER CYBER CRIME

CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA SEALED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COMPUTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT AUSTRALIA)

(KUALA LUMPUR, 24 APRIL 2014) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Australian Government Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT AUSTRALIA) to pave the way for more collaboration in the area of cyber security for both countries. The MoU was signed in March 2014 during the meeting attended by both parties.

The MoU is expected to greatly benefit both Malaysia and Australia by enhancing bilateral relationship between them and assisting each other in mitigating cyber threats, as both countries will be sharing information and technology knowledge in ICT security such as reported incident, new threats and best practices against cyber crime.

According to Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, “We had successfully marked yet another significant milestone in making cyberspace more reliable, dependable and trustworthy.” The MOU is an inaugural bilateral effort of both parties on a framework for operational collaboration on cyber security domain.



The five-year MOU has laid out plans for collaborations and partnerships focused on establishing and strengthening collaborative efforts related to cyber security and computer emergency response in mitigating cyber-crimes.

“This MOU is essential for CyberSecurity Malaysia and CERT AUSTRALIA in exploring the potential initiative for mitigating cross-border cyber-crime matters. Furthermore, this Memorandum has enabled the exchange of information and strategies for effective cyber security incident response towards mitigating cyber threats.” Added Dr. Amirudin.

Among the initiatives that both parties agreed on, include the exchange of information and establishment of channels for exchange of information as appropriate; exchange of delegation and visits as appropriate, exchange of threat response and incident handling information relating to the other country, establishment of a cross-border incident handling and cyber security projects, exchange of information and strategies for effective cyber security incident response; and other forms of collaboration arranged by the parties as per mutual agreement by both parties.

Overall, the MoU between CyberSecurity Malaysia and CERT AUSTRALIA will help improve regional cyber security as it promotes cross-border collaboration in securing the cyber space. It also promotes cooperation in field technology research, development and innovation in the ICT area of security.

CyberSecurity Malaysia is highly respected in the global cyber security industry. It runs the country’s CERT, known as the Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT) and holds the permanent secretariat position for the organization of CERTs among the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) countries or OIC-CERT.

CyberSecurity Malaysia also sits in the steering committee of the Asia Pacific CERT (APCERT). CyberSecurity Malaysia co-founded both OIC-CERT and APCERT.

At present, CyberSecurity Malaysia is the chair of the World Trustmark Alliance, which consists of 30 members from all over the world.

About CERT AUSTRALIA

CERT AUSTRALIA is the national computer emergency response team (CERT) of Australia and they are the single point of contact for cyber security issues affecting major Australian businesses. The CERT is part of the Federal Attorney-General's Department, with offices in Canberra and Brisbane. The team also work in the Cyber Security Operations Centre, sharing information and working closely with the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD). In addition, CERT AUSTRALIA work closely and share information with our international counterparts. This means we are well connected and informed, so we are best placed to help businesses protect themselves from cyber attacks. They are also a strong point of referral, which can lead to positive outcomes in terms of resolution and prosecution.

The CERT provides advice and support on cyber threats and vulnerabilities to the owners and operators of Australia's critical infrastructure and other systems of national interest. A compromise of these systems could result in significant impacts on Australia's economic prosperity, social wellbeing, national defence and security. These businesses and industries underpin essential service delivery across Australia, including banking and finance, communications, energy, resources, transport and water. To date, CERT AUSTRALIA have partnerships with around 500 businesses. By using Australia government, industry and international networks, The CERT AUSTRALIA provide our partners with the most useful and effective advice possible, as soon as possible.

About CyberSecurity Malaysia

CyberSecurity Malaysia is the national cyber security specialist agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

The Malaysian Government gazetted the role of CyberSecurity Malaysia by Order of

the Ministers of Federal Government on 22 June 2009 (revised and gazetted on 26 June 2013) by identifying CyberSecurity Malaysia as an agency that provides specialised cybersecurity services and continuously identifies possible areas that may be detrimental to national security and public safety.

CyberSecurity Malaysia is also required to support as well as provide technical assistance and training services for national cyber crisis management, as stated in Paragraph 16.1, Order No. 24 of the Dasar dan Mekanisme Pengurusan Krisis Siber Negara (Policy and Mechanism for National Cyber Crisis Management) by the National Security Council.

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