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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA SPEARHEADS INITIATIVES TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES IN INFORMATION SECURITY

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KUALA LUMPUR (20 January 2014) - CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI) today hosts the first accreditation and certification awards ceremony, in which 23 companies are given certificates for complying with Common Criteria ISO/IEC 15408, Information Security Management System (ISMS) ISO/IEC 27001, and Malaysia Trustmark e-business validation in 2013.

CyberSecurity Malaysia also receives accreditation certificate from Standards Malaysia for complying with the MS ISO / IEC 17021:2011 and MS ISO/IEC 27006:2011, both of which are international standards for certification bodies.

At the same event, CyberSecurity Malaysia also exchanges Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) with Telekom Applied Business Sdn Bhd (TAB), for the Malaysia Trustmark e-business validation service.

The three (3) breakthrough initiatives were officially launched by YB. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). Also present at the event were General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi bin Mohamed (Retired), Chairman of the Board, CyberSecurity Malaysia; Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia; Mrs. Fadilah Baharin, Director General of Standards Malaysia; and Mr. Azizi A. Hadi, Senior Vice President of TM SME / Chairman of TAB.

Speaking at the ceremony, Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah said, "While efficiency and connectivity are clear advantages of the digital lifestyle, there is also a higher risk of cybercrime including data leakage, security breach, and fraud. If our country's cyber security is weak, our computer network and database will be easily hacked. Anyone can and will -- steal our R&D data and intellectual property -- and all our hard work and investment in time and money will be wasted"

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"It is not an exaggeration to say that we cannot achieve MOSTI's vision and also Malaysia's grand Vision 2020, without first strengthening the national cyber security. Therefore, the Government strongly supports CyberSecurity Malaysia's initiatives in spearheading cyber security standards compliance." YB. Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar further elaborated.

Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar also lauded the recipients of cyber security accreditation and certification for being forward-looking and contributing to the national objective of achieving resilience and self-reliance in cyber security. He said the recipients are also contributing to the realisation of MOSTI's vision and the nation's Vision 2020.

Delivering the welcoming remarks, General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi bin Mohamed (Retired) said, "To improve the standard and sustainability of quality of life, cyber security evaluation and certification conducted by a recognised body like CyberSecurity Malaysia is seen as a key requirement to contribute to public serenity through reduction of the cyber crime rate, and ensure information is adequately protected."

"CyberSecurity Malaysia's certification services – MyCC Scheme, CSM27001 Scheme, and Malaysia Trustmark – are proactive and adaptive approach where continuous monitoring and evaluation shall be done due to the ever-expanding technological advances which invite cyber security risks. To date, CyberSecurity Malaysia's certification services have certified 39 ICT products under the MyCC Scheme and 10 Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) organisations under the CSM27001 Scheme. We have also validated eight (8) e-Business websites under the Malaysia Trustmark service." added Tan Sri Azumi.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Fadilah Baharin who was at the ceremony to present the MS ISO/IEC 17021:2011 and MS ISO/IEC 27006:2011 accreditation certificate to CyberSecurity Malaysia said, "Standards Malaysia as the only standards and accreditation body of Malaysia, always continue to identify relevant industry bodies to ensure that we raise the bar for quality and delivery in all aspects of business through internationally aligned standards and accreditation. Through this accreditation, CyberSecurity Malaysia has set up certification and evaluation facilities that have been accredited by Standards Malaysia and found to be compliant with the international standards MS ISO/IEC 17021:2011 and MS ISO/IEC 27006:2011, certifying that the certification services provided by CyberSecurity Malaysia are impartial, and credible."

CyberSecurity Malaysia offers Information Security Management System Audit and Certification (CSM27001) Scheme, which was established in May 2011 in support of the National Cyber Security Policy (NCSP). It offers independent security audit and certifies organisation's Information Security Management System (ISMS). Being ISMS certified, it provides a degree of assurance that business processes are evaluated to ensure improved performance; while reducing the likelihood of security risks being present.

"By conformance to the ISMS standard means that an organisation has a system in place to ensure information under its control remains confidential, its integrity preserved and is available when needed where it is a good method to limit the impact of a security breach. In other words, foreign companies and potential trading partners will have more trust in the capability of their Malaysian counterparts to safeguard their data/ information," added Mrs. Fadilah.

The ceremony was concluded after the exchanged of MoU documents between Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab and Mr. Azizi A. Hadi. The exchanged was witnessed by YB. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah.

Commenting on the MoU with TAB, Dr. Amirudin said, "The MoU was signed to formalise our collaboration to create strategic business approach to tackle the need of the information security industry, where TAB will be providing Telekom Malaysia Certification Authority service and CyberSecurity Malaysia providing Malaysia Trustmark service or any relevant services."

The Malaysia Trustmark service was launched in July 2013 to audit and validate e-Business websites with the aim to promote 'trust' in e-Business in Malaysia. The collaboration will enable the Malaysia Trustmark service to benefit and add value to the e-business merchants and also to the consumers."

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

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