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CYBER SECURITY IS CRITICAL TO MALAYSIA'S NATION BUILDING AND SOVEREIGNTY

Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition 2013 (CSM-ACE2013) provides strategic platform for local companies to demonstrate latest cutting-edge cyber security solutions

Kuala Lumpur (13 November 2013). The 2013 edition of Cyber Security Malaysia - Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE 2013) was officially opened today at The Royale Chulan Hotel with a call by the Deputy Minister of Science Technology and Innovations' (MOSTI) Y.B. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah for Malaysian companies to ensure their digital assets are protected and safeguarded against cyber security risks such as data loss, damages, cyber-attacks and other cyber-criminal acts.

"In a highly competitive market place, the anxiety about security breaches will undoubtedly influence customer choices. Customers will go to companies, which can demonstrate track record of good cyber security practices. At the national level, ICT infrastructure and supply chain that are sophisticated and secure, will attract more investments and contribute greatly to the country's economic growth", said Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah during the official opening ceremony of the CSM-ACE 2013.

He cited a *report by Gartner* which says that Malaysia's total information technology (IT) spending for 2013 is expected to reach RM61.9 billion this year, up 6.4 per cent over 2012; and that Worldwide IT spending is forecast to reach US$3.8 trillion in 2014, a 3.6 percent increase from 2013.

"A robust digital economy is essential for overall economic growth. The cyber security industry plays a critical role in fuelling economic growth and job creation in Malaysia. In essence, cyber security is critical to Malaysia's nation building and sovereignty", he added.

Appropriately themed 'Securing Cyberspace for Economic Growth', the CSM-ACE 2013 focuses on the strategic role of cyber security in powering Malaysia's economy.

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In his welcoming address, CyberSecurity Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer Dr. Amirudin bin Abdul Wahab said that the CSM-ACE has become one of the most anticipated annual events in the region's cyber security industry calendar. "The CSM-ACE is the only 3-in-1 event that consists of an Awards ceremony, a Conference, and an Exhibition", said Dr. Amirudin.

He said the conference is a platform for cyber security researchers and industry practitioners to discuss cyber security policies at national and global perspectives with an aim to develop more robust governance and compliance mechanisms. "It brings together over 300 leading cyber security experts and leaders from Malaysia and within the region participating in multi-track conference sessions."

Dr. Amirudin also said that the exhibition showcases the latest gadgets and solutions in cyber security. It also provides a one-stop and conducive platform for business matching as well as trade & investment opportunities. "Some of the leading companies include Fortinet, BAE Systems, BDO, Deloitte, ISC8, Kaspersky, Sai Global and Microsoft."

The highlight of CSM-ACE 2013 will be the conferment of Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2013 to recognize highly talented information security professionals, homegrown SMEs and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the Malaysian cyber security industry. The Awards presentation is scheduled at the closing ceremony of CSM-ACE 2013 on the evening of 14 November 2013.

For more event details on CSM-ACE 2013, please visit www.csm-ace.my

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