MALAYSIA'S PREMIER ICT SECURITY AWARDS, CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (CSM-ACE 2012) LAUNCHED

(KUALA LUMPUR) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) today organised the **Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2012** with the theme *'CyberSecurity Risk & Compliance for Economic Transformation'.* The premier ICT security event in the country was held from **6th to 7th November 2012,** at the DoubleTree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur and was held in conjunction with the World Innovation Forum Kuala Lumpur or WIFKL 2012 in short.

CSM-ACE 2012 aimed to increase the awareness of mandatory compliance of information-security standards as well as to provide a strategic platform for government agencies to get information on info-security standards. This year, the event formed part of the National Transformation Program under the Strategic Reform Initiative (SRI) to conduct trade events and business matching opportunities, the development of which is spearheaded by PEMANDU, a unit under the Prime Minister's Department.

"This year, CSM-ACE 2012 promises to build on the solid foundation laid. We seek to unite cyber security experts to share their valuable experiences, innovative ideas and to address tomorrow's cyber security issues and challenges." said General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed (Retired), Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia.

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The main objective of CSM-ACE is to nurture a strong culture of cyber security awareness especially among ICT users particularly in the Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) sectors. This is to educate and strengthen Malaysia's self-reliance in terms of technology, standard and compliance.

General Tan Sri Azumi (Retired) added "the theme is significant as it underscores the important roles played by the Malaysian government in placing cyber security as a key growth sector in Economic Transformation Programme, where ICT forms an integral role in the nation-building especially in the CNII sectors."

CSM-ACE 2012 featured three (3) conference tracks namely Governance, Standard & Compliance; Technical; and Business Continuity Management. HeiTech Managed Services was the official partner for Track 3 on Business Continuity Management.

According to Zahri Hj. Yunos, Acting Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, "Cyberspace is critical to Malaysia's economic prosperity and national security. The government has taken various initiatives to establish a strategic framework to propel into the new digital economy by creating a digital ecosystem that can increase revenue, improve productivity and enhance the standard of living in Malaysia."

"CSM-ACE 2012 will delve into both national and global perspectives on national cyber security policy with an aim to develop more robust governance and compliance mechanisms. In doing so, we could create a safer cyberspace to enable communication, collaboration and commerce for nations to prosper." add Zahri.

Approximately 50 professional speakers and experts in ICT security field with more than 500 delegates from local and abroad attended the two-day event. The major highlight of CSM-ACE 2012 is the conferment of **Malaysia Cyber Security Awards** to recognise highly talented information security professionals, homegrown SMEs and global organisations for their outstanding contribution in ICT security field. The

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awards are expected to further encourage innovation, commitment, and foster strategic alliances within the local security and ICT industry.

Another component of the CSM-ACE 2012 is ICT security exhibition. The exhibition showcased ICT security products and solutions developed locally and internationally. A special pavilion was constructed to highlight innovative ICT products that have obtained Common Criteria (ISO15408) certifications, which means those products complied with globally accepted standards and assurance requirements issued by the Malaysian Common Criteria Evaluation & Certification (MyCC) scheme.

For more event details of CSM-ACE, visit www.csm-ace.my.

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