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## CSM-ACE 2012 HIGHLIGHTS CRITICAL ROLE OF CYBER SECURITY IN NATIONAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

*Malaysia's pinnacle ICT Security Showcase Event from 6 to 7 November offers insightful conference tracks, exhibition and recognition of excellence with Malaysia Cyber Security awards*

**KUALA LUMPUR** – CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) will be organising a **Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition (CSM-ACE) 2012** from **6 to 7 November 2012,** at the Double Tree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with the World Innovation Forum Kuala Lumpur (WIFKL) 2012.

Themed *'Cyber Security Risk & Compliance for Economic Transformation'*, CSM-ACE 2012 aims 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. The event forms part of the National Transformation Program under the Strategic Reform Initiative (SRI) to conduct trade events and business match-making opportunities of which the development is spearheaded by PEMANDU, a unit under the Prime Minister's Department.

"For CSM-ACE 2012, our key objective is to nurture a strong culture of cyber security awareness especially among ICT users particularly in the Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) sectors. We also want to educate and strengthen Malaysia's self-reliance in terms of technology standard and compliance," said Zahri Hj Yunos, Acting Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia during a media briefing to announce the event.

The alarming rise of premeditated attacks, such as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) and Advance Persistent Threats (APT), with potentially catastrophic effects to interdependent network and information systems across the globe has demanded that significant attention is paid to critical information infrastructure protection initiatives. APTs are not easily detected by traditional security systems, placing government, enterprise, small business and even personal computer at risk.

There are ten Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) sectors under the National Cyber Security Policy, namely: National Defence & Security, Banking & Finance, Information & Communication, Energy, Transportation, Water, Health Services, Government, Emergency Services, and Food & Agriculture.

"As a result of the recent National Transformation Program, cyber security field has been identified as a potential sector for growth. Through the adoption and compliance of cyber security standards, the nation's cyber risks are mitigated, thus fuelling economic activities, creating job and business opportunities for the local IT industry," added Zahri.

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 organizations for their outstanding contribution in 2011. The awards are expected to further encourage innovation, commitment, and foster strategic alliances within the local security and ICT industry. This year, Deloitte Malaysia has been appointed as the official awards evaluator.

There are eight main categories for the 2012 awards:

- Most Innovative Information Security Professional
- Most Innovative Information Security Company
- Information Security Services Provider of the Year
- Information Security Education & Training Provider of the Year
- Information Security Outreach Provider of the Year
- Information Security Project of the Year
- Information Security Organization of the Year
- CyberSAFE Ambassador of the Year

CSM-ACE 2012 also features three (3) conference tracks namely Governance, Standard & Compliance; Technical; and Business Continuity Management. HeiTech Managed Services is the official partner for Track 3 on Business Continuity Management. Over 300 delegates from the region and overseas are expected to attend.

Meanwhile, CSM-ACE 2012 exhibition will showcase local and international exhibitors on ICT security products and solutions. A special pavilion is also set up to highlight innovative ICT developers that have secured Common Criteria (ISO15408) certificates issued via Malaysia Common Criteria Evaluation & Certification (MyCC) scheme. Common Criteria certification ensures that a product complies with globally accepted standards and assurance requirements.

For more event details and to register as a delegate, visit www.csm-ace.my.

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