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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA AND UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA SEAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH GLOBAL CYBER SECURITY ACADEMY

(**KUALA LUMPUR**) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) seals a memorandum of understanding with the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's holding company, UKM Holdings Sdn Bhd on the formation of Global Cyber Security Academy.

Global Cyber Security Academy is an Academy that focuses on Information Security capacity building in Malaysia that envisions raising Malaysia as a global provider for cyber security certification programs.

"The collaboration between both entities is to explore research opportunities on cyber security projects that could mutually benefit both parties and the Nation especially on information security capacity building. With the establishment of the Academy, CyberSecurity Malaysia will leapfrog to be a forefront provider of Information Security capacity building in the country that accentuate on close partnership with private sectors and the communities." said Lt Col (R) Prof Dato' Husin Jazri, Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia. The MOU will definitely further strengthen and fasten the formation of the Academy, he added.

The MOU outlines some unique propositions, amongst others are to provide locally developed professional certification programs in cyber security, to place Malaysia as a global provider for cyber security certification programs, to leverage local expertise in cyber security area, to increase the number of cyber security professionals, to accelerate public awareness on the importance of cyber security and to improve career and also educational pathway for cyber security professionals.

"We hope by establishing the academy, it will improve the career and educational pathway of our cyber security professionals and nurture their capabilities in defending internal network, mitigating cyber incidents and remediating compromised assets with a short period of time." explained Prof Dato' Husin.

The MOU was signed in June 2012, between Lt Col (R) Prof Dato' Husin Jazri and UKM, who was represented by Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr. Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin, Vice-Chancellor of UKM.



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Last week, ISPA – Information Security Professional Association of Malaysia was launched to address the Nation's need in building and enhancing the quality of Information Security professionals. The establishment of ISPA was in-line with the Government's vision on the strategy for Cyber Security acculturation and capacity building with the objectives to inculcate the culture and building up the capacities as well as capabilities of Information Security professionals in the country.

"The academy will help in creating and developing more cyber security professionals in which they could also become a member of the association. Both initiatives complementing each other and bring benefits to our country." said Prof Dato' Husin.

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