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MALAYSIA'S INFORMATION SECURITY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (ISPA) SIGNS MOU WITH KOREA INFORMATION SECURITY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (KISIA)

(Kuala Lumpur), 29 September 2011 - The Information Security Professional Association (ISPA) of Malaysia today signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Korea Information Security Industry Association (KISIA) in conjunction with the 2011 Information Security Business Meeting with Korea Information Security Industry (KISIA) held at Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The signing ceremony is witnessed by ISPA President YBhg. Lt Col Prof Dato' Husin Jazri (Retired) and KISIA President Mr. Deuk Choon Lee.

Lt Col Prof Dato' Husin Jazri, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, which is the national cyber security specialist centre, said: "The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISPA and KISIA will establish a platform for expert sharing & knowledge transfer between Information Security Professionals of Malaysia and Korea. This initiative would help produce more professionals and knowledge workers, and supports Malaysia's goal to become a high income nation"

Among the objectives of establishing the ISPA are to provide Information Security practitioners an avenue to collaborate, share knowledge, and have a career road map. It is also aimed to address information security human resources requirement in Malaysia.

The objective of the MoU is to establish a framework for co-operation for the two countries, in the following areas:

- 1. Supporting the adoption and implementation of international standards where relevant to information security products or services;
- 2. Strategic alliances in training and capacity building;
- 3. Development of a mutually beneficial framework for gathering and reporting on key statistical indicators in their respective industries:
- 4. Exchange of visits of members of both organizations and encouraging members to participate in mutually beneficial activities and to attend trade fairs and exhibitions;
- 5. Establishing a framework for reciprocal recognitions on:
 - a. Members' professional codes of conduct;
 - b. Professional certification programs;
- 6. Information security industry linkages;
- 7. Research & development (R&D):
- 8. Fostering of bi-lateral business relationships between and among members companies;
- 9. Global cyber security initiatives.

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About Information Security Professional Association of Malaysia (ISPA)

Founded in March 2011, Information Security Professional Association of Malaysia (ISPA) is the first association in Malaysia established to nurture Information Security Professionals, enthusiasts and security entrepreneurs in general. ISPA which is a not for profit/government association focuses on providing members with the tools and resources to intensify their knowledge and to take their business to the next level.

Formed by a group of Information Security professionals from CyberSecurity Malaysia, higher education learning centers and private corporations, the objective of ISPA is to build information security professionals with the aims to raise the number of these professionals from the current statistics to 10,000 by the next decade. ISPA.my is dedicated to provide professional educations and certifications, continuous learning and a common framework of professional conduct that allowing these professionals to channel, attach themselves to and elevate themselves toward a higher standard of professionalism as a group of trusted Security experts.

ISPA.my's objectives are as follows:

- i. To bridge information security initiatives between private and public sectors.
- ii. To increase awareness on the importance of information security in all sectors of the society.
- iii. To provide a common platform for collaboration between, and sharing of knowledge among, information security practitioners.
- iv. To stimulate knowledge transfer and mobility among, or between, academia, industry, government and non-governmental organizations.
- v. To identify and recognize information security practitioners through regional and international qualifications.
- vi. To nurture the development of locally produced information security professional certifications, products and services.
- vii. To maintain, uphold and improve the standard and quality of information security professionals in Malaysia by implementing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs.
- viii. To address information security human resources requirement in Malaysia.
- ix. To ensure that members of the Association provide services in accordance with the highest professional standard and manner for the benefit of the public and nation.
- x. To establish alliances with local and international information security related organizations or entities.
- xi. To identify and promote future development of Information Security community towards the national interest.