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ISMS IMPLEMENTATION BY CRITICAL NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE (CNII) TO ENHANCE INFORMATION SECURITY

Key Points' Security Management Dialogue and MS ISO/IEC27001:2007 Information Security Management System (ISMS) Awareness & Implementation Workshop for Sarawak

Kuching (August 9, 2010) - In the current modernization and rapid information and communication technology or ICT, all available information has become a particularly valuable asset to any organization. Loss or leakage of important and critical information can paralyze the operations of an organization. Now many critical infrastructure organizations have become the target of cyber criminals to obtain information and access required to penetrate and surreptitiously control the ICT system of the organization. If unchecked, this situation will be able to threaten and jeopardize national security.

Hence, it is very important for organizations to have a solid information security management system that preserves the confidentiality, integrity and availability aspects of information.

Today, the Chief Government Security Office (CGSO) - under the Prime Minister's Department - together with CyberSecurity Malaysia - an agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) - have organized the *Majlis Dialog Pengurusan Keselamatan Perlindungan Sasaran Penting & Bengkel Kesedaran Pelaksanaan MS ISO/IEC 27001:2007 Pengurusan Sistem Keselamatan Maklumat (ISMS)* for Sarawak.

According to Dato' Hj Johari bin Hj Jamaluddin, Director General, Chief Government Security Office, the objective of the dialogue council and workshop was to raise awareness about the importance of the implementation of ISMS certification to organizations that have been identified as a Critical National Information Infrastructures (CNIIs). "Aside from that, the dialogue and ISMS workshop is held to help relevant CNII organizations identify the scope of ISMS certification covering their products and services that are critical to the community and the nation," said Dato' Hj Johari.

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To strengthen the security of critical national information infrastructures, the Ministry of Technology, Science and Innovation (MOSTI) introduced the National Cyber Security Policy (NCSP) in 2005. This policy aims to address and mitigate the risks that are faced by the CNII sectors in facing cyber threats. The NCSP outlines a set of action plans that should be implemented to achieve the NCSP's objectives, which include identifying appropriate cyber security measures, developing a comprehensive cyber security programme and a series of frameworks for protecting CNIIs.

According to the Chief Operating Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Zahri Yunos, "Implementation of ISMS by CNII sectors will ensure that CNII organizations have information security management systems that meet international standards." "This will improve the preparation of CNII organizations in protecting their critical services from cyber threats," he added.

Previously, a similar Security Management Dialogue and ISMS Awareness & Implementation workshop was held in Kota Kinabalu in May 2010 for the Zone of Sabah and Federal Territory of Labuan.

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