CYBER SECURITY EXERCISE
GIVES A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF
THE NATIONAL CYBER CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

KUALA LUMPUR, 05 August – The National Security Council and CyberSecurity Malaysia – an agency under the purview of Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) -- yesterday joined hands to coordinate and conduct the country's third annual Cyber Crisis Exercise, codenamed **X-MAYA 3**, a simulated and coordinated exercise to assess the cyber security emergency readiness of Malaysia's Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) to cope against cyber attacks.

This year exercise saw the participation of **34** organisations from the nine Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) sectors – namely Health, Water, Banking and Finance, Information and Communications, Energy, Transport, Defense and Security, Government and Agriculture. This was an increase over the **X-Maya 2** exercise which was held in December 2009, which involved **28** CNII organisations.

Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department said: "The economy's reliance on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and communications networks requires us to ensure that the CNII is secure and protected from threats. We must address these threats effectively as there are a range of ICT-dependent public services which are critical components in maintaining social, economic and political stability, and national security in general."

Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri also said: "This annual drill is a very hands-on exercise for all the participants, and the experience can be used to improve internal procedures and provide feedback to enhance the National Cyber Crisis Management Plan (NCCMP). This will further improve the nation's readiness in dealing with wide-scale cyber crisis incidents."

Meanwhile, Tuan Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation said, "The economic and governance activities of the country has drastically changed in line with the wider use of ICT. Due to this, efforts related to national security must take into account the threats from cyberspace."

Haji Fadillah also expressed his happiness that the **X Maya 3** received a very positive response from various organisations. He said that awareness had increased

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significantly on the need for secured networks with mechanisms in place to counter cyber threats and ensure the smooth-running of the country's economy.

CyberSecurity Malaysia provided the technical support and infrastructure for the exercise this year as it had done in the previous two exercises. The agency leveraged on its experiences in coordinating the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team Annual Cyber Exercise (APCERT Drill) as well as experiences in dealing with cyber security incidents through its Cyber999 Help Centre and Malware Research Centre initiatives.

The national Cyber Drill or *X-Maya* exercise gives a thorough examination of the related CNII organisations to strengthen national emergency response by ensuring that the proper procedures and mechanisms are in place for effective monitoring of the CNII, incident reporting and response, communications dissemination and business continuity management.

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