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CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security specialist, is back in Kuching to promote the
Malaysian Common Criteria Evaluation and Certification (MyCC) Scheme and Financial Assistance to SMEs under the scheme

KUCHING, 14 AUGUST 2009 (FRIDAY) – In conjunction with the KARNIVAL KREATIVITI & INOVASI SARAWAK 2009 (Sarawak 2009 Creativity & Innovation Carnival), CyberSecurity Malaysia is setting up an exhibition booth beginning today 14th August until Sunday 16th August 2009, at the Sarawak Tourism Complex to promote the MyCC scheme which is an evaluation and certification scheme for security products.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Lt. Col. Husin Jazri (retired), Malaysia is one of the main manufacturers for information, communication and technology (ICT) products for local and international market. But, to be accepted globally in today's hyper-competitive business environment, these ICT products need to fulfill certain requirements from the consumers who are looking for an assurance that the security features of a product are functioning as claimed by the seller. Therefore, it is important to have a scheme to ensure high standards of competence and impartiality are maintained, and that consistency is achieved for all security products.

"Let's say a brilliant Sarawakian company innovates a security product - for example a *Smart All-in-One Card* that could carry all the information from your

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credit cards, ATM cards, driver's license, National ID (identity card), passport, corporate ID, season parking cards, and loyalty cards (such as Bonus Link, Enrich, Real Rewards) in a single convenient card. With this innovation, we do not need to carry a wallet-full of cards anymore. A single card is all you would require for any transaction. But then, the customers would only use the card if they can be assured that their personal information (stored in card) could not be lost, or stolen and that the card would work [usable] every time. Therefore, before any innovative security product enters the market, they should first come to CyberSecurity Malaysia to have the product evaluated and then certified with ISO/IEC 15408".

Malaysian Common Criteria Evaluation and Certification Scheme

When asked to elaborate on the MyCC Scheme, Husin explained that the MyCC or Malaysian Common Criteria Evaluation and Certification Scheme is a systematic process for evaluating and certifying the security functionality of ICT products against ISO/IEC 15408 standard which is more popularly known among the industry players as Common Criteria (CC).

"The MyCC scheme is managed by a sole Certification Body (CB). In Malaysia, the sole Certification Body for the MyCC Scheme is known as Malaysian Common Criteria Certification Body (MyCB), a department within CyberSecurity Malaysia. Besides MyCB, the MyCC scheme also consists of an Evaluation Facility. The Evaluation Facility for the MyCC Scheme is known as Malaysian Security Evaluation Facility (MySEF). Any organization/company may apply for a license from MyCB to become a MySEF. Currently, a unit within the Security Assurance Department of CyberSecurity Malaysia, has met the qualifications to become a MySEF and is in the process of obtaining the license from MyCB." added Husin.

Financial Assistance to SMEs

Through the MyCC Scheme, CyberSecurity Malaysia aims to increase Malaysia's competitiveness in quality assurance of information security to build consumers' confidence towards Malaysian information security products, thus enhancing Malaysia's reputation as a provider of ICT security assurance services globally.

And, to encourage product developers to obtain certification from MyCB, financial assistance is provided by CyberSecurity Malaysia under the Economic Stimulus Project 2 (ESP2). Application [for this financial assistance] is opened until end of next year [Dec 2010] for eligible Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) developing ICT product to pursue Evaluation Assurance Level 1 (EAL1) or Evaluation Assurance Level 2 (EAL2) certification.

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For more information, the public are encouraged to visit CyberSecurity Malaysia's booth at the KARNIVAL KREATIVITI & INOVASI SARAWAK 2009. Alternatively, information can be obtained from this website: http://www.cybersecurity.my/mycc or by sending email to info@cybersecurity.my

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- Security Management and Best Practices
- Security Assurance
- Malaysia Common Criteria Certification Body (MyCB)
- Cyber Security Training and Professional Certification
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