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CyberSecurity Malaysia Launches Malaysia Cyber Security Awards

It is the first national ICT security industry programme to recognise contributions and performance of organisations within the ICT security domain

Kuala Lumpur, 8 July 2009 – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) today launched the *Malaysia Cyber Security Awards,* an inaugural award event for the local ICT Security Industry. It was announced and officiated by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Datuk Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili at the reception and gala dinner*,* in conjunction with the *Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009* at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

For a relatively small developing nation, the local ICT security industry has made great strides in recent years. In fact, Malaysia has made a mark for herself in the international arena with regards to cyber security planning, execution and issues management. Malaysia, through *CyberSecurity Malaysia* for example, is the Chair of the *Organisation of the Islamic Conference - Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT)* and sits on the steering committee of the *Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT).*

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Realising the potential of the Malaysian ICT security industry (consisting of companies, organisations and individuals) in contributing positively towards the development of the industry, the awards programme was created to give recognition and to highlight achievements of those who have demonstrated best ICT security practices, commitment and successful business strategies required to advance the Malaysian information security landscape.

The *Malaysia Cyber Security Awards* is intended not only to give recognition to ICT security efforts by local SMEs and organisations. It is also intended to encourage innovation and spark strategic joint efforts within the local ICT industry and the ICT security industry to help increase awareness of the industry to the world.

Datuk Dr Maximus believed that the event marked the beginning and symbolised the strengthening of beautiful relationships and partnerships across the industry.

"Malaysia Cyber Security Awards will be conferred to encourage organisations to emulate the best practices and build the credibility of Malaysian enterprises as 'ICT secure' organisations. We also want to stimulate innovation, commitment and the development of sound business strategies to help bolster the Malaysian information security stature," said the Minister.

"MOSTI through *CyberSecurity Malaysia* is committed towards developing the growth of the ICT security through various programmes. For instance, through the awards, we hope to encourage organisations and companies to compete healthily and effectively, within the scope of ICT security for the benefit of all," he added.

In order to ensure that the due recognition and awards are given to the deserving parties, *CyberSecurity Malaysia* has set fair, transparent and robust award selection and recognition criteria for four (4) main categories: (i) *Information Security Organisation of the Year*; (ii) *Information Security Project of the Year*; (iii) *Information Security Service Provider of the Year* and (iv) *Information Security Training Provider of the Year*.

The ***Information Security Organisation of the Year*** award is given to the most visionary organisation in following Information Security best practices through alignment of security and business strategies. The organisation also needs to show effective implementation and adherence to International standards and best practices such as ISMS guidelines. The other criterion include: effective implementation of *Information Security Governance* and *risk management strategy,* strong local business (registered business entity) presence and leadership in raising awareness beyond its core business interests. The recipients for this award category are **Bank Negara Malaysia**, the central bank of Malaysia and **Technip Geoproduction (M) Sdn Bhd.**

The *Information Security Project of the Year* award is conferred to a project implemented in 2008 that involved risk management, compliance and privacy adherence, resulting in superior business performance. The Information Security Project must have proven ROI and a Risk mitigation framework that is acknowledged as "industry best practice." The project must have positive implications, to the nation and is recognised for contributing to industry advancement. It must also be implemented by Malaysian organisations that adhere to the International standards and best practices such as ISMS guidelines. Recipient for this award is **Malaysia Airlines (MAS)**, the national air carrier.

The *Information Security Service Provider of the Year* award is conferred to the service provider that has been most instrumental in solving the compliance issues of its customers and has helped them to be more secure. The service provider must also have exemplary local growth and performance in 2008. Receiving the inaugural awards are **e-Corp.net Surveillance Sdn Bhd** and **SCAN Associates Berhad**.

The *Information Security Training Provider of the Year* award will go to the recipients, which have successfully enhanced the security ecosystem through superior training and education programmes based on global security best practices; especially in *Compliance & Risk management*, therefore empowering customers with a better know-how and well trained security professionals. The successful service provider must show exemplary local growth and performance in its previous financial year. For this category, **EC Council Academy Sdn Bhd** and **Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT)**, receive the awards respectively from the Minister.

More than 300 guests from various government departments and agencies, NGOs, corporations, organisations and ICT security experts and practitioners attended the awards presentation ceremony at the gala dinner hosted by CyberSecurity Malaysia. The special event was held in conjunction with *Cyber Security Malaysia || SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009*, which started from the 6th of July and ended today.

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