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CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA ORGANISES FAMILY VALUES AND INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS SEMINAR

*Seminar Focuses On Family Values and Online Safety
to Empower Families to Protect Themselves*

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 JULY 2009 (WEDNESDAY) – CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) today organised a seminar on *Internet Safety Awareness* in conjunction with Cyber Security Malaysia II SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009 held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. Officiated by the MOSTI Deputy Minister, Tuan Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof, the conference generated much interest and feedback from the public.

The *Internet Safety Awareness Seminar*, open to the public, featured tracks designed for parents, teachers and children. Among the topics presented were on *Internet and Our Children: Issues and Challenges* by Will Gardner, Chief Executive Officer of Childnet, *Internet Addiction* by Datin Noor Azimah Abd. Rahim, President of *Parents Action Group for Education Malaysia*, *Internet and School Kids: Challenges Teachers Face* by Lok Yim Pheng, Secretary General of National Union for the Teaching Profession (NUTP) and many more topics presented by representatives from the Attorney General's Chambers and FOMCA; just to name a few. Besides seminars there were sessions for school children such as *GoogleFu for School Students* and a *CyberSAFE Drawing Competition*.

Proving that this is an event for everyone, featured speakers also included a



secondary school student, Khadijah Anuwarul Haq from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seksyen 5, Wangsa Maju. Khadijah delivered a talk entitled '*Internet and Our World: What it Means to Us*' in the Parents' and Teacher's stream of the conference.

The intention of the *Internet Safety Awareness Seminar* segment was to create awareness and empower the *rakyat* to make them capable of protecting themselves and their families. With rampant reports received by *CyberSecurity Malaysia* on incidences involving children, harassment and abuse in social networking sites, the seminar has been hailed as being timely.

"This cannot come at a better time as it coincides with this year's World Telecommunication Day which focuses on Internet Safety for Children. We will also hold the first-ever seminar in Malaysia on Internet and Family Values. We believe that the first step to protect our children, begins with instilling good family values," he added," said Lt. Col. Husin Jazri (Retired).

"It is difficult to prevent children from going online, just as it is difficult to ban children from watching TV altogether. It is better to educate and help them to be 'street-smart' while surfing the cyber world. It is good to educate your children about Internet safety while they are still young. Just like in real life (physical world), in which parents advise their children not to trust strangers. Parents always say 'don't talk to strangers'," he said.

According to Husin, the actual challenge today, was to create public awareness on how important cyber security is, in everyday life.

"Non-adherence to simple safety rules can compromise not just one's identity but also one's banking account, family, safety and privacy," Husin added.

"One of our most important missions at MOSTI, is to promote R&D and the use of technology to empower and improve the quality of life of the *Rakyat*. We want everyone from all walks of life to use ICT to add value to their lives – this means everyone right down to the individuals such as yourself: the parents, the teachers and of course the school children," MOSTI Deputy Minister, Tuan Hj Fadillah said.

MOSTI, according to Hj. Fadillah, wanted to empower citizens with knowledge in order to protect their businesses, property and families. He believed that the approach seen at the conference could help create the level of awareness to help citizens protect their families.

According to the MOSTI Deputy Minister, the Malaysian government wanted to do what it could to make Malaysian cyberspace safe for families. "However, everyone must realise that they all have a part to play in this effort – right down to the family unit," he said.

“Parents and teachers have their own roles to play as well, in order to ensure the children are not put at a disadvantage when they are on-line. Parents for example have to teach the 'Internet street-smarts' such as not putting sensitive private information that can be used by ill-meaning parties. Teachers for example will need to teach children that they need to be responsible for their on-line actions,” said Hj. Fadillah in the opening remarks for the session.

More than 400 attendees turned up for this session, consisting of parents, teachers and school students. The conference on Internet safety and family values was held in conjunction with Cyber Security Malaysia II SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur Conference and Exhibition 2009 which started on the 6 July and ends on the 8 July.

The conference and exhibition with seminar tracks are also meant to promote awareness on new criminal tactics and cyber threats amongst the public.

“We need to understand how to protect ourselves, our organisations as well as our wealth and family in today’s connected and borderless world,” Husin added.

Yesterday (7 July), Fadillah also launched the national cyber incident response service and help centre, Cyber999.

It is one of the projects within the Ninth Malaysia Plan (RMK-9). The incident response service is called Cyber999, in line with the government’s initiative to make ‘999’ as the number to call for emergency assistance. Hence, whenever Malaysians need emergency assistance in the cyberspace, they can go to Cyber999.

For emergencies or to report any incidences, the public may call the Cyber999 Help Centre at toll-free number 1 300 88 2999 or via email cyber999@cybersecurity.my or mobile number +6019-2665850 or SMS to +6019-2813801. Alternatively, they can also fax to +603 - 8945 3442. They can also visit CyberSecurity Malaysia website www.cybersecurity.my to find out more information about cyber999. Examples of ICT security incidents that could be referred to Cyber999 Help Centre are system intrusion, harassment, denial of service attacks, and hack attempts.

Cyber Security Malaysia II SecureAsia@Kuala Lumpur is Malaysia’s foremost cyber and ICT security conference and event, organised in partnership with the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium or (ISC)², the globally recognised *Gold Standard* for certifying information security professionals.

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