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GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CYBER GREEN ACHIEVEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, August 5, - The Organisation for Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (**OIC-CERT**) has successfully conducted the OIC-CERT 2015 Cyber Drill today. CyberSecurity Malaysia, as the Permanent Secretariat of the OIC-CERT, once again led the drill as the Exercise Controller.

The objective of the drill, which is the 4th OIC-CERT Cyber Drill, is to measure the response and capabilities of Computer Emergency Response Team (**CERT**). It is aimed at enhancing the cooperation and communication among member countries and to check the workability of their processes and procedures in handling incident locally and internationally.

The drill theme for this year is Global Alliance for Cyber Green Achievement. Participants were exposed to various scenarios related to watering hole attack and ransomware. This global coalition exercise involved members from three international cyber security platforms namely the OIC-CERT, Africa Computer Emergency Response Team (**AfricaCERT**) and the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (**APCERT**). In this 5 hours drill, 12 CERT teams from 11 countries participated namely Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Mongolia, Egypt and Ghana.

“This exercise has marked another achievement as it continues to strengthen the trust and communication amongst CERTs in mitigating cyber threats and protecting the cyber space. This is indeed pertinent in responding to the rising number of cyber threats. These achievements are made possible through the participating teams from various countries that muster together to become a strong force, to protect and mitigate any potential cyber threat that is ever evolving in the expanding digital world. In addition, this exercise has increased the participating teams skills, knowledge, experiences related to cyber protection and incidences”, said OIC-CERT Chairman, Badar Ali Al-Salehi of Oman National CERT.

Meanwhile Dr. Amirudin Abdul Wahab, the Chief Executive Officer of CyberSecurity Malaysia said, “The drill has successfully contributed to the readiness of the respective teams in facing of cyber incidents. The impact from such incident varies especially when it involves advanced malicious software and high profile technology. It is crucial to rise above various jurisdictions and transcend beyond vast networks within the digital world, to forge partnership and establishing strategic alliances among CERT teams to counter imminent cyber threat.”

About OIC-CERT

OIC-CERT was established in year 2009, to provide a platform for member countries to explore and to develop collaborative initiatives and possible partnerships in matters pertaining to cyber security that shall strengthen their self reliant in the cyberspace. To date, OIC-CERT has 35 members from 21 OIC countries. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: www.oic-cert.org.

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