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### "CYBER SECURITY AGAINST EMERGING THREATS"

OIC-CERT ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

29 - 31 December 2012

Al Bustan Palace-a Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Muscat, Oman

**(KUALA LUMPUR)** – The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation - Computer Emergency Response Team (**OIC-CERT**) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) 2012 was recently held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman from the 29 - 31 December 2012. This event which is hosted by the Oman National Computer Emergency Readiness Team (**OCERT**), an initiative under the Information Telecommunications Authority of Oman (**ITA**) and jointly organised by CyberSecurity Malaysia, the national cyber security technical specialist centre under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (**MOSTI**), has drawn interest from participants of 20 countries. The Minister of Legal Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, HE Dr. Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Said Al Saeedi, officiated the event.

This year's theme, 'Cyber Security Against Emerging Threats' augurs well with the efforts of the OIC-CERT to address the upraising issues of emerging cyber threats and the ways to mitigate such threats. *"Security researchers found that the best defense on the growing cyber threats is by cooperative education and awareness, best-of-breed tools and robust policies that nurture collaborative effort between the industry, academia and government."* said General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed, the Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia and also the Chair of the OIC-CERT, in his opening speech with regards to this year's event theme.



Realizing that cyber security issues are affecting both the public and private sectors, the OIC-CERT has open up memberships to commercial entities in order to cultivate the public-private partnership in mitigating cyber threats. The OIC-CERT envisioned that more industry players will be joining the collaboration and participating in the events.

Next year the OIC-CERT will be expanding its reach to the African continent with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Africa Computer Emergency Response Team (**AfricaCERT**). *“This memorandum symbolizes the cross border cooperation and both parties agreed to realize collaboration among the regional initiatives in preventing cyber threats and incident to make the Internet more reliable, safe and trustworthy.”* said Tan Sri Azumi. During the 2011 AGM, the OIC-CERT has signed an MoU with the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (**APCERT**) which has seen both collaboration work together in annual cyber drills. OIC-CERT is hoping to assist AfricaCERT in their cyber security initiatives, sharing of information and knowledge, organising cyber drill and development of capacity and capability of information security professionals.

Subsequently, in reinforcing the administrative structure of the OIC-CERT, the members have unanimously agreed on the idea of having an OIC-CERT Permanent Secretariat office. This is beneficial for the continuance of governance and smooth operation and projects under the OIC-CERT banner.





General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Mohamed, the Chairman of CyberSecurity Malaysia presenting a token of appreciation to the Minister of Legal Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, HE Dr. Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Said Al Saeedi.

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