The OIC-CERT 5G Security Roll Out Activities at GISEC 2022

The OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework roll out plan provides awareness on the importance of 5G security, development of a common 5G security framework for risk assessment and management, and development of a common standard for the OIC-CERT member countries in implementing 5G.

Following the OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework Workshop, which was held in Kuala Lumpur February this year, the Middle East leg of the roll-out of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework Adoption has continued at GISEC2022, Dubai which the Middle East and Africa's most influential and connected cybersecurity event, to ensure end-to-end cybersecurity for OIC member states.

Mr. Mohd Shamir Hashim, the lead of OIC-CERT Permanent Secretariat and Co-Chair of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Working Group who also a Senior Vice President of CyberSecurity Malaysia, shared this development during his opening keynote address "OIC 5G Security Framework: Building a Coordinated Effort to Harness Deep Tech for Digital Transformation" in the Telecom Cybersecurity track under the GISEC Global 2022, on 23 March 2022. In a meeting with His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Hamad Al-Kuwaiti, the Head of Cybersecurity for the Government of the UAE, Mr. Shamir emphasised that the framework is developed to facilitate the OIC-CERT member countries in managing 5G security.

Malaysia, through CyberSecurity Malaysia, is the OIC-CERT Permanent Secretariat and Huawei UAE, an OIC-CERT commercial member, are the co-chair of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Working Group (WG).

This collaborative approach aims to provide best practices, guidance and promote standardization objectives in an open and transparent platform to accelerate the roll out of 5G among OIC member states in a seamless and cost-effective manner.

The expected outcomes of the roll out is the acceptance of the security framework, gathering valuable feedback concerning the framework, and improving the framework. The outcome will also include formation of task forces to localise the framework.

The events are highly interactive session that will reinforce and maintain existing trust for cross border relation with other CERTs within the OIC-CERT member

countries and provide opportunities for cybersecurity agencies and professionals to share knowledge and expertise in related areas.

The collaboration will strive to provide best practices, guidance and promote standardisation on an open and transparent platform to accelerate the seamless, cost-effective roll out of 5G among the OIC-CERT member states.

The GISEC Global 2022 is regarded as the Arab's world largest and impactful cybersecurity event.

The OIC-CERT is a cooperation platform among the OIC member countries in the field of cybersecurity having 58 members from 27 countries.
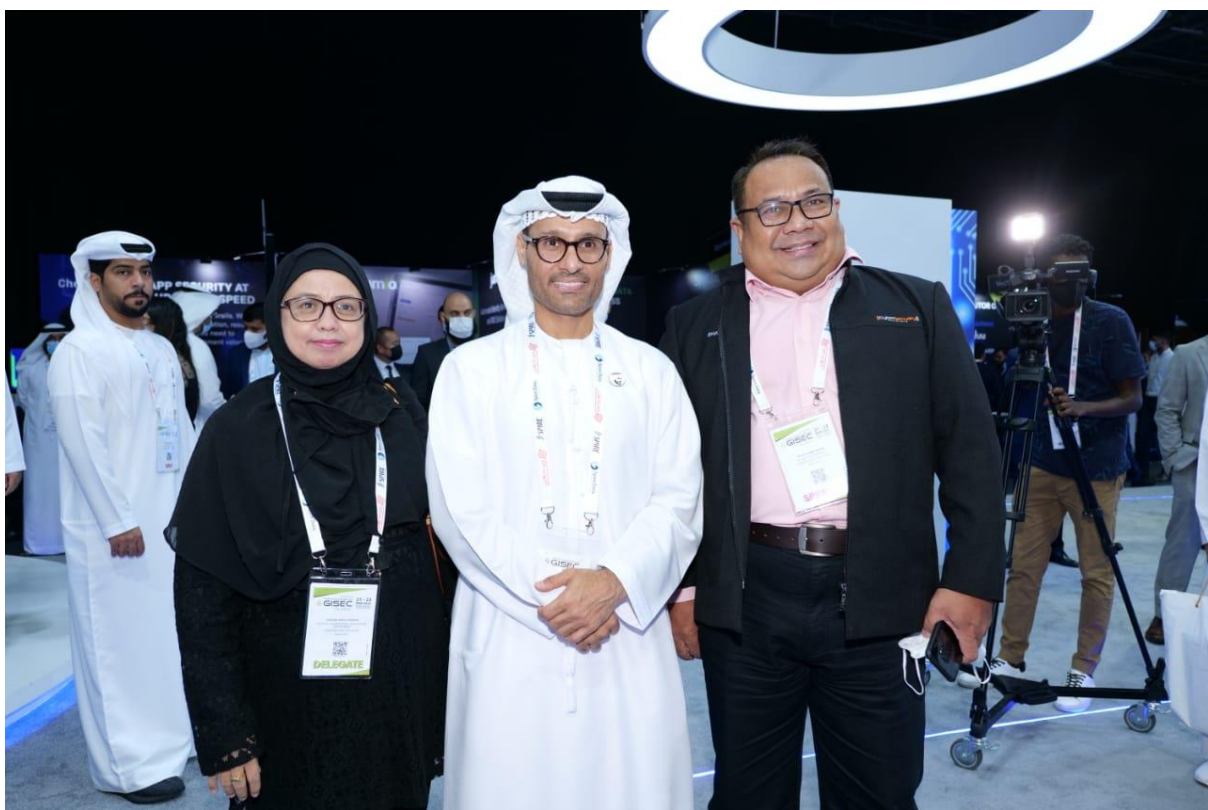

Figure 1: With H.E. Dr. AL Kuwaiti at GISEC 2022

Figure 2: OIC-CERT 5G Security - Co Chair: Permanent Secretariat and Huawei UAE

Figure 3: Meeting on OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework and Roll out plan

Figure 4: Mr. Shamir delivered his speech at Telecom Cybersecurity Track, GISEC 2022