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Malaysian astronaut Datuk Dr Sheik Muszaphar Shukor (right) joined by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman (centre) and Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan on MOSTI's stage.

Ministry in push for acculturation of Science, Technology, Innovation

TAMBUNAN: The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) said it would continue to aggressively implement the awareness program and acculturation of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and not be bound in classrooms to ensure that the interest of the public, especially among the youngsters towards STI remained vibrant and strong.

This is in line with the recent the government's move to refurbish 3,000 secondary school laboratories across the country starting this year to allow the teaching and learning of science more effectively.

In conjunction with the launch of this year's state-level Pesta

Kaamatan celebrations at the Pisompuruan Square here yesterday, MOSTI organized a creativity carnival and Science4U program which was launched on April 1.

The program featured an exhibition on R&D products by the various government departments and agencies such as the National Science Centre, and Meteorological Department, aside from the special appearance by national astronaut Datuk Dr Sheik Muszaphar at the Pesta Kaamatan main stage.

A workshop and competition were also held, and participated by 400 students and four schools, namely SMK Tambunan, SMK Nambayan, Marki St Theresa and SK Pekan Tambunan.

Victims seeking CyberSecurity's assistance in unlocking corrupted files

PETALING JAYA: Earlier this year, **CyberSecurity Malaysia** received a report from a company which said its computers had been attacked with ransomware.

The company's computers were infected for a few weeks before it sought help from CyberSecurity Malaysia out of desperation.

The complainant said that many of the company's important files had suddenly been encrypted or "locked" and could no longer be opened.

"Due to this, many of our crucial files have been infected and this led to our company's operations being affected.

"I sought technical assistance to help us regain access to these files," said the employee whose identity was kept anonymous.

Another case shared by the agency was a complaint by an individual user who found his computer infected with the same malware.

"When I switched on my computer, there was a pop-up message on my screen.

"The pop-up message said that my files were encrypted and I had to pay ransom money to decrypt the files and regain access.

"The ransom money demanded was in bitcoins.

"I do not want to lose my files but I am not able to do anything about it," said the user, who added that there was a timer on the pop-up message which gave him a deadline to make the payment.

Bitcoins are a form of digital currency, created and held electronically.

CyberSecurity Malaysia chief executive Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said it had received 15 reports from affected Malaysians so far this year.



Debugging the threat: CyberSecurity according to Amirudin had been reveing reports from affected Malaysians.

In January alone, it received four reports from Malaysians whose devices were infected, of which two were companies and two individual users. In comparison, there were three cases last year, and just two cases in 2013.

He warned victims never to follow the payment instructions but contact Cyber999 for assistance instead.

He also urged smartphone users to be vigilant.

"Internet users should have up-to-date anti-virus software and not click on unsolicited web links in e-mails," he said.

Questions or reports can be sent to cyber999@cybersecurity.my or mycert@mycert.org.my or call 1-300-88-2999 (during business hours) or 019-266 5850.

