

SPEECH
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AT

**THE GALA DINNER & PRESENTATION OF THE MALAYSIA CYBER
SECURITY AWARDS 2015**

THE ROYALE CHULAN, KUALA LUMPUR
8.00 PM || 9 SEPTEMBER 2015 || WEDNESDAY

1. **YANG BERUSAHA DR. ZULKIFLI MOHAMED HASHIM**
Deputy Secretary General (Science), Ministry of Science,
Technology and Innovation, Malaysia (MOSTI);
2. **YANG AMAT BERBAHAGIA GENERAL TAN SRI DATO' SERI
PANGLIMA MOHD. AZUMI BIN MOHAMED (RETIRED)**
Chairman of the Board of Directors, CyberSecurity Malaysia;
3. **YANG BERUSAHA DR. AMIRUDIN ABDUL WAHAB**
Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia;
4. **MR. EWAN WARD**
Chairman, Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team
(APCERT);
5. **ENG. BADAR ALI SAID AL SALEHI**
Chairman, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Computer
Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT);
6. Nominees of the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2015;
7. Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri-Tan Sri, Dato'-Dato', Datin-Datin;
8. Members of the Media;

9. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Salam Sejahtera and a very good evening.

10. I am greatly honoured to be present here this evening and to address a distinguished group of cyber security professionals, especially the nominees of the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2015. On behalf of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), I would like to welcome everyone to the CSM-ACE Gala Dinner and Presentation of the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2015.

11. This evening, we will celebrate a selected group of individuals and companies that have made significant contributions in the field of cyber security in Malaysia in the past year. These entities have demonstrated an outstanding leadership in this industry. I am certain that the recipients of the Malaysia Cyber Security Awards 2015 have proven to be among the best cyber security professionals and leaders in the world especially in this challenging and dynamic sector. We are more than happy to acknowledge their exceptional achievements by presenting these awards.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

12. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) is vehemently aware on how essential and vital ICT to improve the competitiveness and productivity of the country's economy. With this clear objective in mind, Malaysia has made one of the key thrusts of the 11th Malaysia Plan to further develop and strengthen our capabilities and expertise in ICT. The strategic areas within the sector of ICT that Malaysia will be focusing on will include cyber security, digital content, software development and testing, Internet of Things (IoT), data centres, cloud services and big data analytics. We would like to move Malaysia from being a technology consumer to a technology producer.

13. On top of the capacity development, CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) is also intensifying its efforts to accelerate their capability development. CSM aims to raise the quality of ICT products and services in this

country to be on par with the high international standards. Thus, by achieving this, our local ICT companies will be able to tap into the lucrative market of cyber security and ICT. This will greatly propel Malaysia to become a major technology producer.

14. In order to achieve this target, we will need to continue to focus on research and development (R&D) activities. Only through sustained R&D then we will be able to create new technologies, open up thriving industries and expand diversified economic opportunities.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

15. I believe most of the audience present tonight are keeping themselves up to date when it comes to online threats and issues and all the related statistics. We have been working very hard to secure the cyber world. But for tonight only, let us relax and rest our minds and joyously celebrate together with the award nominees.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

16. Before I end my speech, I would like to congratulate once again to the nominees of the Malaysia Cyber Security Award 2015. We highly value your contributions to Malaysia's cyber security sector. But don't despair if you do not receive any award tonight. I hope that your success will spur you to greater efforts and as an inspiration to others. I wish everyone here an enriching journey ahead.

17. Thank you and have a pleasant evening.