

## WELCOMING REMARKS

**Y.BHG. DATIN MADINAH MOHAMAD  
SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (MOSTI)**

**AT THE OPENING OF  
INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS SEMINAR**

**8 JULY 2009 | KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE | 0900 HOURS**

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## SALUTATION

- 1. THE HONORABLE TUAN HAJI FADILLAH HAJI YUSOF  
DEPUTY MINISTER, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**
- 2. YANG BERBAHAGIA LT. COL. HUSIN HAJI JAZRI  
(RETIRED)  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA**
- 3. HONORABLE SPEAKERS**
- 4. YANG BERBAHAGIA DATO'-DATO'/ DATIN-DATIN**
- 5. MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**
- 6. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS**
- 7. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**



**ASSALAMUALAIKUM W.B.T AND A VERY GOOD MORNING.**

**1. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY *SELAMAT DATANG* TO THE FIRST INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS SEMINAR HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CYBER SECURITY MALAYSIA SECUREASIA@KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2009. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA, ONE OF THE AGENCIES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR ORGANIZING SUCH AN IMPORTANCE SEMINAR TODAY.**

**2. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY MY APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR GIVING ME THE HONOR TO ADDRESS THE DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE OF THE SEMINAR THIS MORNING.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

**3. THE ACTUAL CHALLENGE FACING US TODAY IS TO CREATE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON HOW IMPORTANT CYBER SECURITY IS IN ALMOST EVERYTHING THEY ENCOUNTER TODAY. NOT ADHERING TO SIMPLE SAFETY RULES CAN COMPROMISE YOUR IDENTITY, YOUR INTERNET BANKING**

**ACCOUNT OR YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY AND PRIVACY TO CYBERSTALKERS.**

**4. ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT MISSIONS AT THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION OR IN SHORT MOSTI, IS TO PROMOTE R&D AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO EMPOWER AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE *RAKYAT*. WE WANT EVERYONE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO USE ICT TO ADD THE VALUE TO THEIR LIVES – THIS MEANS EVERYONE RIGHT DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOURSELF: THE PARENTS, THE TEACHERS AND OF COURSE THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

**5. WE AT MOSTI WANT TO EMPOWER CITIZENS WITH KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR BUSINESSES, PROPERTY AND FAMILIES. AND WE ARE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC THAT THROUGH THIS SEMINAR, WE ARE TAKING PRO ACTIVE STEPS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS AMONG THE CITIZENS TO HELP THEM PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

6. THE VERY NUCLEUS FOR THIS PROGRAM ON *INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS* IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF ALL: THE *FAMILY UNIT*. A FAMILY TODAY IS MOST LIKELY TO BE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET AND EACH OTHER IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER; AND A FAMILY WHICH IS AWARE OF THE RISKS AND STEPS TO AVOID THE PITFALLS, IS A SAFE AND HAPPY FAMILY.

7. MOSTI, THROUGH CYBERSECURITY MALAYSIA, HAS MADE THIS MOVE TO GATHER EXPERTS, SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS LIKE YOURSELVES IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO DEVELOP CO-OPERATIVE ACTION PLANS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR *FAMILY VALUES* AND OUR CHILDREN. WE HIGHLY VALUE YOUR INPUT AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM THE CONCERNED PARTIES THEMSELVES, THE ISSUES WHICH ARE WORRYING YOU THE MOST.

8. WE SHOULD ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND THAT THE INTERNET IS MORE THAN JUST AN INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY – IT IS LIKE A WHOLE PARALLEL VIRTUAL WORLD. IF WE THINK WE KNOW A PERSON VERY WELL, WE WOULD NEED TO THINK AGAIN. ON THE INTERNET, SOME PEOPLE CAN HAVE TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSONAS TO

**THE ONE THAT THEY PORTRAY IN THE REAL WORLD. IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR CHILDREN OR STUDENTS COULD VERY WELL BE TOTALLY DIFFERENT ON-LINE THAN THEY ARE WITH YOU IN PERSON.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

**9. THIS IS ANOTHER CONCERN AS IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR PARENTS TO TELL WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE SERIOUSLY ADDICTED TO THE INTERNET OR IF THEY HAVE SERIOUS UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS THAT THEY ONLY LET OUT AS A DIFFERENT PERSON ON-LINE.WE SHOULD NOT SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. BEFORE LETTING OUR CHILDREN GO ON-LINE, WE NEED TO EQUIP THEM WITH TWO IMPORTANT THINGS: AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE. WITH THESE TWO, HALF THE BATTLE IS WON. WITHOUT PROPER GUIDANCE, THE DANGERS CAN BE MANY FOR CHILDREN – JUST LIKE IN REAL LIFE, YOU HAVE TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO LOOK LEFT, RIGHT AND LEFT AGAIN BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET.**

**10. I AM PROUD THAT CYBER SECURITY MALAYSIA SECUREASIA@KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION THAT STARTED FROM 6TH OF JULY UNTIL TODAY, ALSO FEATURE THE INAUGURAL SEMINAR ON**

**INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS. IT WILL ALSO FEATURE THE FIRST SEMINAR IN MALAYSIA ON *INTERNET AND FAMILY VALUES*. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS WILL BECOME A CATALYST AND PLATFORM FOR VARIOUS PARTIES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

**11. THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO MAKE OUR CYBERSPACE SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES. BUT WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY IN THIS EFFORT – RIGHT DOWN TO THE FAMILY UNIT.**

**12. PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE THEIR OWN ROLES TO ASSURE AS WELL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CHILDREN ARE NOT PUT AT A DISADVANTAGE WHEN THEY ARE ON-LINE. PARENTS FOR EXAMPLE HAVE TO EDUCATE OUR INTERNET-SAVVY CHILDREN THE GOOD AND SAFE ONLINE HABITS, JUST LIKE IN THE REAL WORLD WE LIVE IN, SUCH AS NOT EXPOSING SENSITIVE PRIVATE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE USED BY ILL-MEANING PARTIES. TEACHERS FOR EXAMPLE WILL NEED TO TEACH CHILDREN THAT THEY ALSO NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ON-LINE ACTIONS, SIMILAR TO THEIR REAL LIFE ACTIONS.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

**THE LESSONS ARE MANY BUT JUST LIKE DRIVING, IT CAN  
BE JUST SECOND-NATURE. AND IT IS WORTH EVERY  
EFFORT IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES WHILE ON  
AND OFF THE INTERNET.**

**THANK YOU.**

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