

## MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

### Proposed Establishment of the Board of Computing Professionals Malaysia (BCPM)

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The proposed establishment of the Board of Computing Professionals Malaysia (BCPM) was mandated by the Cabinet Committee on Human Capital Development in March 2011, with the intent to safeguard the national interest of the country in relation to computing services provided by practitioners or professionals in the Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) sectors. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) was tasked to establish the proposed BCPM and engagement with the relevant stakeholders was done via an Open Day on 13th December, 2011, followed by email, until 15 January, 2012.

Major issues of concern raised were:

- (i) Clear definition of the powers of the Board and interpretation of the terms in the Bill;
- (ii) Defining the rules and regulations of the Bill;
- (iii) Consistency in relations to legal provisions and issues of replication with other existing Acts or Bills;
- (iv) Pre-requisite for registration as a Computing professional for both local and foreign practitioners; and
- (v) Implication of the Bill, particularly in terms of international commitment such as with WTO and FTA, brain drain, stifling creativity and innovation.

The number of official feedbacks was 70, received from both individuals and organizations. 29% supported the proposed Bill, but nonetheless, this number may not reflect the overall segment of the ICT community. Thus, as a way forward to ensure a better comprehension of the proposed Bill and that, all views of the respective ICT community in the nation are catered for, MOSTI has proposed an extensive further consultation and engagement be conducted, and this has been endorsed by the Cabinet Committee on Human Capital Development. This endeavour will include all relevant stakeholders and consultation with the National ICT Human Resource Taskforce that initially proposed the establishment of BCPM. The finding and analysis of this study will be presented to the Cabinet Committee on Human Capital Development, chaired by the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister for a final decision.