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For the first time in 2023, Malaysia will once again set a new benchmark in the international arena, as we play host to the inaugural Cyber Digital Services, Defence and Security Asia Expo & Conference (CyberDSA), on 15 to 17 August 2023 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. As the first event of its kind in the region, CyberDSA aims to position itself at the forefront of the global cyber security agenda.

Being highly content-driven, this event looks to bridge a much-neglected gap by connecting professionals and executives, both in the government and private sectors, while championing the latest tech, knowledge, and insights to drive and accelerate global cooperation towards a more enhanced era of cyber digital services, defence, and security in today's digitally driven economy.

The time when issues pertaining to cyber security as a national security threat has long passed. Instead, it has today become an issue of international security, even as threats exist in various shapes and forms, affecting us on a global level, which warrants the coming together of leaders and nations to work in concert to address relevant cyber and digital-related issues and concerns facing the world today.

It is for this very reason that CyberSecurity Malaysia mooted the need for an initiative as this. Serving as Malaysia's national cyber security specialist agency, CyberSecurity Malaysia was established since 1997 under the purview of the Ministry of Communications and Digital Malaysia to provide a broad range of innovation-led services, programs, and initiatives to reduce vulnerability of digital systems while strengthening security and self-reliance in cyberspace. It is our mission to lead the development of a safer and more resilient cyber ecosystem to foster economic prosperity and social harmony.

In this regard, CyberDSA is an extension of this agenda, opened to the international fraternity. It is an invitation for global stakeholders to gather in one place to collectively serve as a catalyst towards driving tomorrow's cybersecurity agenda in a complex and multifaceted ecosystem. Thus, the theme for this inaugural event – 'Accelerate the Digital Economy: Building Resiliency in Cyber Defence and Security' is one that is timely and opportune.

So let me take this opportunity to welcome all delegates, exhibitors, VIPs, participants, and visitors to Malaysia. Indeed, this is not just Malaysia's platform but the region's, and I therefore implore all involved to participate wholeheartedly as we set new benchmarks for years to come!

