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Forum Workshop on Measures to Enhance Cyber Security

- 5. Distinguished Guests**

- 6. Ladies and Gentlemen**

A very good morning to all.

It is a great pleasure for me to be given the honour to address the ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop this morning, and I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all of you here today.

1. Firstly, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China for co-hosting this event in Beijing with the National Security Council Malaysia.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
(Introduction: Cyber Security Scenario)

2. In today's Digital Age, all nations have become very reliant on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as a vital factor for progress. ICT has generated unprecedented opportunities for nations to tap the benefits and capabilities of ICT to their national advantage.
3. Based on estimates by ITU and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, there are now about 2.75 billion Internet users worldwide, including 1.27 billion users in Asia and the Pacific. In Malaysia there are 9.2 million Internet users. These users are indeed all part of a connected global community.
4. However, the instant connectivity among the connected global community has brought about not only new opportunities but also new challenges and many downsides. The cyber environment is

plagued with various scourges which threaten our national security and social wellbeing. I believe this aspect of the cyber revolution would be our priority for discussion at this workshop.

5. Let me now briefly share with you some data on cyber security as they relate to my country:

- a) In Malaysia, a total of 4,247 reports of cyber security incidents were received last year mostly involving Fraud, Intrusion, Spam, Malicious Codes and Cyber Harassments.

- b) Meanwhile, the Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) of the Royal Malaysian Police received a total of 1,737 reports on e-Commerce fraud cases in 2012, involving RM5.1 million losses.

We observe that most of cyber incidents and cyber crimes in Malaysia are trans-national in nature; hence we cannot work alone in combating them. In this regards, Malaysia emphasizes on regional collaboration as means to mitigate cyber threats.

6. Our region is facing increasing threats from international organized crimes involving drugs and human trafficking, financial frauds and money laundering. The internet is a quick and efficient medium for them to plot and conspire in their cross-border criminal activities. At the same time, we should also be concerned with aggressive cyber actions and other sinister motivations such as cyber espionage, malicious software (malware) infection, and high-scale cyber attacks.

7. In the global cyber environment, no nation is immune from cyber attack and the impact will not be confined to one country only. The damage can spread throughout the region as well as globally. We must address this aspect as well because just as much as we cannot live without the Internet in this day and age, we cannot afford to lose our trust and confidence in cyber space.

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(International Collaboration)

8. Criminals and malicious actors are increasingly active in the cyber space. We cannot wait for cyber attacks to take action. We must continue to formulate initiatives to mitigate emerging threats, both domestically and internationally. Since cyber threats transcend borders, a country cannot work in isolation to combat these threats. Multilateral cooperation is very important. To facilitate such cooperation, Malaysia is willing to play its part to promote exchange of ideas and skills between nations and organizations.
9. In the area of Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), Malaysia through CyberSecurity, Malaysia is the Chair and Secretariat of the OIC CERT and **an** active member of the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT). We believe the way forward is through smart partnerships, sharing of knowledge and best practices; and we welcome initiatives that encourage this to happen.

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10. We must continue to build our collective capabilities to fight cyber threats, share information and work together to safeguard our cyber space, our privacy, our ideas and our innovations. While we aspire to be leaders in cyber knowledge and technology we must also stay safe. We have to cooperate, collaborate, and combine our talents and ideas in order to come out with a viable and credible cyber security approach. We can collectively confront cyber threats by using a comprehensive security perspective.
11. I hope that we can achieve the objectives of promoting open communication, mutual understanding and cooperation among participants in this workshop as well as contributing to capacity building. I would to thank all the speakers who are here to share new and important information on the diverse issues and trends in the field of cyber security. Our workshop will be a great success if we can come out with ideas that can be transformed into national and global initiatives which can fill the existing gaps in cyber security. On that note, I wish all of you a very fruitful deliberation and successful workshop.

THANK YOU.