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**NATIONAL ICT SECURITY DISCOURSE –  
CYBERSAFE CHALLENGE TROPHY (NICTSeD)  
2019 GRAND FINAL**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2019 (WEDNESDAY)  
3.00 PM  
THE ROYALE CHULAN KUALA LUMPUR**

## **SALUTATIONS**

**1. Yang Amat Berbahagia General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed (Retired)**

Chairman Board of Directors, Cybersecurity Malaysia

**2. Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Bin Abdul Wahab**

Chief Executive Officer, CyberSecurity Malaysia

**3. Yang Berusaha Tuan Haji Shafruddin Bin Haji Ali Hussin**

Director of Educational Resources and Technology Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia

4. Distinguished Panel of Experts for the National ICT Security Discourse (NICTSeD) - CyberSAFE Challenge Trophy 2019

5. Participants and Finalists of NICTSeD 2019

6. Members of the Media, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullah

Hiwabarakatuh dan Salam Sejahtera.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. It is a pleasure to be at the grand finale of the National ICT Security Discourse – CyberSAFETM Challenge Trophy or NICTSeD 2019, an annual event to raise awareness on digital education and cyber security among young Malaysians.
2. I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations to all teams who have participated in the discourse and the top two schools who have made it to the finals. Your participation forms a good foundation in developing your mind and preparing you to be good digital citizens of the future.

3. It is encouraging to know that this year's NICTSeD attracted a high number of student participation from schools all over Malaysia. I know that all of the students here today are passionate about how technology benefits their everyday lives. I share that same passion.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

## **DIGITAL LIFESTYLE ADOPTION FROM YOUNG**

4. Our children access the Internet from a very early age. According to the Internet User Survey 2018 by Malaysian Multimedia & Communications Commission (MCMC), 9 of 10 children aged 5 to 17 use the Internet. The use of smartphone for online activities amongst the children was also at a staggering 91.8%. Top online activities for children include text messaging, social networking, accessing information and watching videos.

5. The survey also revealed that smartphone remains the most common device used to access the Internet. 9 out of 10 Internet users used smartphone to go online. Text communication and social networking were the most common activities for Internet users with WhatsApp and Facebook being the most popular communication and social networking channels.
  
6. By the time Malaysian children reach their teens, many already have their own smartphones or laptops. If they are not careful on how they use them, they may face significant risks of disclosing personal information or unauthorised access to their online activities.

7. While the Internet facilitates effective delivery of educational resources and social connections, it has certainly posed major concerns to parents. These include exposure to inappropriate contents, cyberbully, communicating with strangers and online scams. At this stage, the usage of parental control is one of the most effective approaches to assist parents to ensure their child's online safety.
  
8. While 62.4% of parents know about parental control, only 12.2 % of them utilize the service. About 75.5% prefer to set their own rules and limits of Internet usage to the child.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

## **CYBER SECURITY IMPACTS EVERYONE**

9. Today, cyberbullying is a fast-growing problem in schools because the Internet is anonymous. In fact, this appeals to bullies because their intimidation is difficult to trace. Moreover, rumours, threats and photos can be disseminated online very quickly.

10. According to a latest survey poll by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations (UN) Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Violence against Children in 30 countries, 3 in 10 young Malaysians are victims of online bullying, which negatively affects their education and social life. In Malaysia, out of 5,000 respondents who joined the survey, 9% admitted they had used digital platforms to harass or bully others

11. No one is born knowing how to stay safe online. Children need to develop the right reflexes to avoid dangerous situations.

Tackling these challenges in an effective and responsible way are therefore critical for new digital technologies to thrive. We need to complement Internet freedom and innovation with safety and security.

12. Ensuring children manage or regulate their own use of smartphones and social media is becoming an increasingly important life skill to learn. Ultimately, our school system must prepare young people for the digital world, giving them the knowledge, awareness and strategies to responsibly monitor their own screen use and the ability to identify and deal with any negative experiences they encounter.

13. As Malaysians are embracing digital lifestyle, children remain the most vulnerable to the threats and risks associated with the Internet. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to enforce effective policy and initiatives to further increase awareness and adoption of digital etiquette among Malaysians. We also need more digital leaders in schools to help ensure that our students are well informed about how to stay safe online.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

## **NATIONAL DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE**

14. In the meantime, the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia is also seriously considering cyber threats and crimes that are afflicting the country at this moment. Among the new approaches adopted are the introduction of the National Digital Citizenship Initiative (NDCI) aimed at promoting ethical behavior, the application of values and accountability in the use of digital technology.

15. The Ministry together with CyberSecurity Malaysia are working to develop the NDCI framework based on the ideology of the Rukun Negara as a fundamental principle of implementing this initiative for Internet users in Malaysia towards regulating themselves to be ethical digital citizens. As such, a National Level NDCI workshop will be held soon to gather input from various strategic partners and stakeholders to develop the framework.

16. With this in mind, we would like to call upon all organizations to step forward and contribute towards helping our young develop strong competencies in navigating the cyber space.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

## **CLOSING**

17. To all NICTSeD participants, I am encouraged by your enthusiasm in contributing ideas to shape tomorrow's digital citizens. To our finalists, all the best in the grand finals. Regardless of which team wins, you have already proven your potential to be tomorrow's digital leaders. I have no doubt that every one of you will excel in your roles and contribute to society's future well-being.

18. I look forward to hearing more of your ideas to help keep everyone safe online, and today is a timely reminder of the work ahead. Let us get more actively involved to help promote safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Thank you. Wabillahhitaufik walhidayah  
wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi  
wabarakatuh.