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International Cyber Threat Task Force (ICTTF) partners with The Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII) to offer Cyber Security Courses in Malaysia.

As cyberattacks rise in frequency and complexity, businesses cannot afford to drop their guard and become complacent.

Kuala Lumpur, 19 July 2022: The ICTTF and The Malaysian Insurance Institute announced a strategic partnership that will provide cyber security training to the insurance industry in Malaysia via ICTTF's Cyber Risk Academy. The Cyber Risk Academy is an online training campus for individuals and organisations to become cyber solid and unified. The agreement brings international expertise and accreditation in cyber security education to the insurance industry. These courses target all workforce levels, including Malaysia's non-technical, technical, and expert groups.

ICTTF is a not-for-profit initiative promoting the ecosystem of an International independent, non-partisan cyber security community. MII is one of the leading professional body and insurance education institutions in the region.

The Certified Cyber Risk Officer (CCRO), The CCRS - Certified Cyber Risk Specialist and The NCSE (NIST Cyber Security Expert) are among the courses currently offered under this partnership. These courses are further accredited by The International Compliance Association, ICA, which is a long-standing partner with ICTTF and MII.

Paul C Dwyer, President of ICTTF, said, "Our mission is to create a community of cyber good guys working together to defeat cyber evil in all its forms. *Cyber threat actors* depend on *cyber bad guys* communities to operate. Those dark trust networks are a key to their success in establishing a trillion-dollar underground economy. Customers of MII will now be able to play their part in protecting not just the digital assets but the children, people, businesses, and livelihoods that depend on them."

Shalini Pavithran, Chief Executive Officer of The Malaysian Insurance Institute, added that according to Bank Negara Malaysia's latest financial sector blueprint, Malaysia's digital economy continues to expand. "We are seeing the acceleration of digital transformation in the financial sector. This reinforces the need for talent who can learn, apply, and deploy emerging business models and new technologies. It also demands a more digitally savvy workforce—the ability to innovate and integrate business concepts with technology and data."

“With these rapid changes at play, there is a heightened need to be vigilant about security vulnerabilities and rapidly deploy security solutions. A workforce that is prepared, and skilled to respond to the new security threats and evolving operating environment will be critical. Through this partnership and many more in the pipeline, MII is confident of being at the forefront of developing digitally equipped and future-ready insurance professionals.”

“MII will continue to promote innovation in the industry via such programmes and we are happy to be ICTTF’s partner of choice to bring these courses to Malaysia.”

About ICTTF

The ICTTF–International Cyber Threat Task Force was established in 2010 as a not-for-profit initiative promoting the ecosystem of an International independent, non-partisan cyber security community. Our mantra is “It Takes a Network to Defeat a Network”. Over that decade, we have consistently innovated in achieving our mission. From online community portals, apps, local membership chapters and international events, we strive to work with our thousands of members from around the world.

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About MII

The Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII), founded in 1968 as a non-profit organisation, is the leading professional body and education institution for the Malaysian insurance industry. With over 25,000 members and growing, comprising institutional and individual members, MII is the largest professional body for insurance professionals in the industry here.

MII provides internationally recognised insurance, risk management, compliance, and financial planning qualifications. MII is a premiere regional centre, offering an extensive range of quality education programmes and training programmes for professionals in the financial services industry. MII further supports international industry associations and awarding bodies as the examination facilitator.

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