INAUGURAL CYBERSECURITY STUDENT VOLUNTEER & RECOGNITION PROGRAMME KICKS OFF WITH STUDENT SEMINAR

The inaugural run of the Student Volunteer & Recognition Programme (SVRP) has kicked off with a seminar attended by more than 100 students and educators from Institutes of Higher Learning.

The SVRP aims to encourage volunteerism amongst students while developing their interest in cybersecurity. It is organised by the Association of Information Security Professionals and backed by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), with support from the National Youth Council and private sector players; Singtel, Trend Micro, Booz Allen Hamilton and Ensign InfoSecurity.

The seminar was organised to introduce participants to the SVRP framework and inspire students to join the programme. Participants heard from industry experts about their journey as cybersecurity professionals and from active youth volunteers on how their experience as volunteers, have helped them in their skills and personal development.

SVRP FRAMEWORK

The SVRP comprises three broad pillars where students can volunteer:

1. Skills-based: E.g. Conduct cybersecurity workshops or develop related software
2. Events-based: E.g. Provide support at technology or cyber-related events
3. Leadership: E.g. Mentoring younger students and managing teams or projects

A tiered system has also been developed to recognise the volunteer efforts of students.

Tier	Requirements
Bronze	Completion of one of three pillars or complete three of three pillars with minimum 50% attained hrs. - Skills: 30 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 30 hours or more
Silver	Completion of two of three pillars - Skills: 30 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 30 hours or more
Gold	Completion of all three pillars - Skills: 45 hours or more - Events: 60 hours or more - Leadership: 45 hours or more

The programme will see the involvement of institutions such as the Singapore Institute of Technology, Institute of Technical Education and Singapore Polytechnic with educators encouraging students to explore their potential in cybersecurity and develop their personal and professional abilities through volunteerism.

AISP President, Dr Steven Wong said: "The SVRP provides students with opportunities to hone their interest in cybersecurity and make broad and in-depth contributions. The

involvement of our partners who are key industry players, such as Singtel and Ensign InfoSecurity, allow students to gain industry experience and eventually become cybersecurity professionals to meet the growing demand for such talents in Singapore today."

"The SVRP will help to encourage students to volunteer their services, understand the benefits associated with volunteering and contribute to the cybersecurity industry. More importantly, it provides an opportunity for students to learn, share, and play an important role in the cyber security ecosystem to make the interconnected world safer," said Samson Yeow, Course Chair, Diploma in Infocomm Security Management, Singapore Polytechnic.

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Opening remarks by Mr Wong Choon Bong, Deputy Director for Ecosystem Development, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

Mr Freddy Tan, Lead for Student Volunteer Recognition Programme AiSP EXCO, Committee Member, sharing an overview of the inaugural programme