**Welcome Remarks by AiSP EXCO Member & SVRP Lead, Ms Soffenny Yap
at
Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award Ceremony 2022,
16 November 2022, 7.05 PM**

1. Good Evening

   a. Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development

   b. Mr Foo Fang Yong, Chief Executive Officer of Huawei International

   c. Prof. John Thong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost of Singapore Institute of Technology

   d. Parents

   e. IHL Lecturers

   f. Student awardees

   g. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Welcome to the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme Award Ceremony 2022. Firstly, I would like to thank SMS Tan for taking time to grace this event and showing your support to all our students volunteers for their contribution to Singapore's cyber security ecosystem.

   This year, we received the highest number of nominations compared to previous years where we have 235 student nominations contributing to more than 16,000 volunteer hours to the cybersecurity community. 49 students were awarded the Bronze Award, 36 Students were awarded the Silver Award, 9 Students were awarded the Gold Award and 2 Certificate of Merit for our junior college students. It was heart-warming to see this increase in number of student volunteers who had spent time outside of

their curriculum to learn and give back to the cyber security space. Many of them whom I had interviewed were repeated participants where each year they expanded their volunteer scope in cyber security awareness not just to their peers but also to the people in need like the elderly, youths and SME.

3. **Partners**

This Programme was only made possible through the continual strong public-private-academic partnerships between AiSP, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore(CSA), GOVTECH, the different institute of higher learning, our industry partners as well as all the students with the endorsement of their lecturers that have put themselves forward to be nominated for the awards despite the pandemic that Singapore is going through.

4. **Supporting Partner**

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank our supporting partner Huawei International for their strong support of this event. In my opinion industry involvement are crucial to allow our students to have insights and views to real world experience in cyber security.

And with this, AiSP have been able to organise learning journeys for students on company visits to our industry partners.

5. **Inaugural Overseas Learning Journey**

To provide our students with more exposure not just within Singapore, this coming December, AiSP will be bringing students on our first overseas

learning journey to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the strong support provided by National Youth Council, MBOT & our Corporate Partner. Through this overseas learning journey, AiSP hopes to Increase our youth to provide our youths with regional perspective of the cyber security market and wider networking opportunities.

6. Before I end my speech, I would really like to encourage more students to come forward to volunteer and contribute. I am sure your kind dedication will not only help you to open more doors and opportunities but also help to achieve a sustainable and cohesive cybersecurity ecosystem.

7. With that, thank you and I looked forward to seeing more nominations for the Student Volunteer Recognition Programme in 2023. Lastly, Congratulations to all the winners!!