

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP President Mr Johnny Kho at  
The Cybersecurity Awards 2022,  
11 November 2022, 7.05 PM**

**1. Good Evening**

- a. Minister for Communications and Information and the Minister in Charge of Smart Nation & Cybersecurity, Mrs Josephine Teo**
- b. Mr Goh Wei Boon, Chief Executive, Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies**
- c. Mr Gaurav Keerthi, Deputy Executive, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore**
- d. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen**

**2. Welcome to the Cybersecurity Awards 2022.**

**3. Firstly, I would like to thank Minister Mrs Josephine Teo for taking time to grace this event.**

4. After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID-19, I am pleased to welcome all of you physically back to The Cybersecurity Awards and Gala Dinner 2022! The Cybersecurity Awards and Gala Dinner 2022 is part of the AiSP CyberFest Activities happening from 01 November 2022 to 30 November 2022 where a series of activities ranging from Awards Ceremony, Scam Awareness in the Community, Dialogue Session with Political Office Holders, Learning Journey, South East Asia Cybersecurity Consortium Forum and SME Conference just to name a few. This evening Cybersecurity Awards has been running for 5 years with the purpose of recognizing and honouring organisations and individuals who have contributed significantly to the cybersecurity ecosystem.

5. **Despite the extreme times, the Cybersecurity Awards serves as an important platform to recognise cybersecurity professionals, companies, and non-profit organisations for their contributions to the borderless cybersecurity ecosystem. This is especially so, with the acceleration of digitalization which makes a robust cybersecurity ecosystem even more important to ensure the resiliency of the nation, enterprises as well as individuals.**
  
6. **The 2022 Cybersecurity Awards was only made possible through the continual strong public-private-academic partnerships between AiSP, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, the supporting organisations, the sponsors as well as many students, professionals and enterprises that have put themselves forward to be nominated for the awards despite the pandemic that Singapore is going through.**
  
7. Thus, I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank all our sponsors, especially our platinum sponsors, namely.
  1. BeyondTrust
  2. CISCO
  3. Ensign InfoSecurity
  4. Huawei International
  5. ST Engineering
  6. TrendMicro
  
8. **Close collaboration from the supporting associations is key in the organisation of The Cybersecurity Awards and I want to acknowledge them as follows in alphabetical order:**

- a. **Center for Strategic Cyberspace & International Studies**
- b. **Cloud Security Alliance Singapore Chapter**
- c. **High Technology Crime Investigation Association Singapore Chapter**
- d. **ISACA Singapore Chapter**
- e. **(ISC)<sup>2</sup> Singapore Chapter**
- f. **Singapore Computer Society**
- g. **SGTech**
- h. **The Law Society of Singapore**
- i. **And, most importantly the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore as well as the Exco and Volunteers from the Association of Information Security Professionals.**

This awards is in the fifth year and this year we have over 60 professionals from AiSP and these supporting associations have volunteered their personal time to contribute towards the organisation of this Awards. Many professionals from the various associations have taken time off from work in August to September to volunteer on the judging panels. Thus, I would like everyone to join me to thank all judges and multi-association members for their efforts.

9. Overall, across all categories, it is hearteningly that more than 30 excellent nominations were received for 2022. After rounds of evaluation by the various judging panels, 14 finalists were identified. My heartiest congratulations to all finalists and award winners. No matter what the outcome is, every one of us seated down here is a winner of our own.

10. We live in a highly digitalized environment and the pandemic has accelerated digitalization into a hyper-connected world blurring the

boundaries between work and personal life. In the age of digitalization, cybersecurity attacks have become rampant. Cybercrimes is on the rise which stresses on the importance for cybersecurity and good cyber hygiene practices. It is heartening to know that many companies and individuals are passionate in joint efforts to combat adversaries and making cyberspace safer for all. Similarly, that AiSP has done outreach to more than 15,000 people in 2022 on the importance of Cyber-wellness and Online Cyber Safe Practices. This was done through our Roadshows at shopping malls, Community Centres and schools through various initiatives such as Digital for Life.

11. With much passion, I would encourage everyone to continue **MAKING THE DIFFERENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION**, as all our efforts matters, as collectively, we will achieve a sustainable and cohesive cybersecurity ecosystem and a better future for our next generation.
  
12. With that, thank you and have a very enjoyable dinner and I looked forward to going to every table later to say hello and have a toast with you.