

Welcome Remarks by AiSP Vice-President Ms Sherin Y Lee at AiSP Ladies in Cyber Symposium,

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1. Good Afternoon

- a. Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Ministry of Communications and Information and Minister In-Charge for Smart Nation and Cybersecurity.
- b. Ms Tammie Tham, Co-Chair of AISP Advisory Council
- c. Colleagues and Friends from Cybersecurity Agency of Singapore, GovTech and IMDA
- d. IHL Lecturers
- e. Students and guests that watching the live feed of the ceremony
- f. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen who are with us physically

Welcome to AiSP's inaugural Ladies in Cyber Symposium. Firstly, I would like to thank Minister Josephine Teo for taking the time to grace this event.

This symposium is a culmination of the efforts and initiatives that the AiSP Ladies in Cyber charter has rolled out over the years to promote greater gender diversity, and encourage more women to join the cybersecurity sector.

We are here to celebrate the many achievements and contributions that women have made to this sector, and tip our hat to those who continue to inspire us in making a difference.

These are exciting and exacting times. Exciting because of the endless possibilities women are presented within this industry. Exacting because, these opportunities demand our utmost commitment.

The world is no longer the same. You can say we live in a parallel universe, or what some call a hybrid world. We're talking about a virtual world that continuously redefines itself, sometimes almost detached from the real one. We are citizens of this virtual world. And we are responsible for its future. A future that is secure.

These are exciting times for women to play a pivotal role in the security of the very world we are in. And there's never been a better time to be part of this mission. There's a greater demand for alternative, innovative perspectives.

Women are strong in their own ways. We see things differently. We think differently. We pursue things incessantly until we achieve what we started out to pursue. It is this kind of persistence that can make a difference.

And today's symposium celebrates this enormous gift of femininity. We are here to be a part of a bigger resolve, hand in hand with the rest of the community, to safeguard our family, our nation and the world.

For those who have set your hearts on joining the sector, I can assure you that it will be a challenging but rewarding and meaningful journey.

You will be at the frontier of one of the fastest, changing, and growing industries in Singapore, driving advancements and shaping the future of this sector. Moreover, you will also play an active role in our nation's cyber defence, ensuring that cyber adversaries will not derail our digital ambitions.

Lastly, I would also urge you to use today's event to interact and learn from the amazing women leaders, professionals and mentors who are here with us. Understanding more about the industry and learning from their experience can set you up for success as you embark on a journey in this industry.

2. Partners

Before closing, I just want to add that this event would not have been possible without the strong support of our partners and sponsors. We would like to thank the following in no particular order:

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3. I would also like to encourage more female students to come forward to continue volunteering and contributing. Collectively, we will achieve a sustainable and cohesive cybersecurity ecosystem, creating a better future for the next generation. I look forward to seeing you in AiSP's Ladies in cyber mentorship programmes, upcoming learning journeys, and many more. Thank you.