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Ladies and Gentlemen

## Introduction

1. It is my pleasure to be here today at the second Cloud Security Summit to speak on this important topic.

2. As you all know, Cloud technologies have greatly enhanced our companies' digital footprint and capabilities, giving them an added competitive advantage in the marketplace.

3. It is not just for larger companies, but also for all our small and medium enterprises, where before they didn't have the opportunity, the platform to

access cloud computing capabilities, advanced functionalities and computing power and storage.

And today, cloud technologies has really brought the digital footprint and capabilities to our companies, large and small.

4. So it really provided us an added competitive advantage for our companies and economy, creating many opportunities for our Singaporeans.

5. But with this increased adoption of cloud technologies and infrastructure, the ability to maintain and protect the cloud becomes

increasingly important as we put more things on the cloud, as we use more of the cloud, how to protect and maintain the security of the cloud becomes much more important and this is one specific area where we require a strong collaboration between all the ecosystem partners.

6. No one party can do it by themselves, so it requires the government coming in, as a user, as a regulator, as an industry champion. It requires the private sector, not just the cloud service providers, but also companies who are involved in ecosystem of cloud technologies whom many of you are here

today. And it requires the academia, Institutes of Higher Learning, coming in to train the manpower to really work together with us as an ecosystem.

7. So cloud security will be an increasingly important area, especially for Singapore, as we embark the digital economy, but to keep it secure, maintain this robust protection around it requires us all to play a part. And we are very keen to see greater participation, like all of you in this ecosystem and to participate to do what?

8. Well firstly, to share good experiences as Tony earlier mentioned, cloud technologies, cloud security is still very decently emerging, a very important area, but still very early days, so for us to come together to share experiences to learn from one another.

9. Then second, having learned from one another, shared good practices together, the journey cannot stop there but bring it back to apply in organizations, apply in our ecosystems to do something about it, but even so, it cannot stop there.

10. The digital technologies, especially in the area of cloud progresses so quickly. So how do we continue to innovate? To think about new threats, new vulnerabilities, new ways of protecting our data, protecting our services, protecting our organizations? So innovation must always continue. So learning, sharing good practices, applying them but importantly continue to innovate and continue to think about new ways of doing things. So I'm very heartened that today we have, among us in this forum, company representatives from different parts of the ecosystem, coming together to share

experiences, to hear from one another and to contribute to this important effort.



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11. And in particular, I'm very glad to see that AiSP will be inviting practitioners to share their insights through the Cloud Security Jam workshops prior to the next Cloud Security Summit in 2024.

12. So I believe this is the first time you're doing this Cloud Security Jam workshops, and these Jam workshops will bring together the community to develop and learn from one another, through friendly competition and the winning team will get to conduct a workshop in the next summit to showcase their work. So, I look forward to hearing from the participation in these workshops, the Jam workshops, and to really see how can we come together to engender the spirit of learning, friendly competition, but ultimately to come together to contribute to a greater cause and to share our knowledge and encourage each other to do better.

13. I'm also very glad to know that AiSP and Cisco Networking Academy will be signing a memorandum of understanding or MOU later. Under this MOU, AiSP will organize a series of awareness training and hands-on workshop, and these workshops will serve as a platform for experts and enthusiasts to share their insights.

## Conclusion

14. So let me conclude by thanking all of you for participating in this forum, this summit, this important effort. And let us continue to work together as an ecosystem, different parts of the ecosystem coming together. The Government, on our part, we play our role, contribute. Academia, Institutes of Higher Learning coming together to contribute their insight, share their learnings, but importantly, all of your corporates and part of ecosystem coming together to also learn from one another and helping one another to do better.

15. And by coming together, my hope is that Singapore will be one of the most vibrant digital economy around the world, but also one that actually is going to be extremely cyber safe and secure and give people the trust and confidence to transact with us. So, thank you very much and wishing all of you a wonderful session.