

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP President Mr Johnny Kho at
The Cybersecurity Awards 2021,
14 January 2022, 6.25 PM**

1. Good Evening
 - a. Minister for Communications and Information and the Minister in Charge of Smart Nation & Cybersecurity, Mrs Josephine Teo
 - b. Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information
 - c. Mr David Koh, Chief 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. 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.
5. The 2021 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 and a demonstration of resilience in the local ecosystems despite the pandemic that Singapore is going through.
6. 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. TrendMicroAnd our Gold sponsors, namely
 1. CyberProof
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 6. Wizlynz GroupAnd our Silver sponsors, namely
 1. PCS Security
 2. RSA
 3. Singapore Institute of Technology
 4. Thales Group
 5. Workforce Singaporefor their strong support of this event.
7. 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)² 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.

Across the last year, over 40 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 July to November to volunteer as judging panels. Thus, I would like everyone to join me to thank all judges for their efforts.

8. Overall, across all categories, it is hearteningly that almost 40 excellent nominations were received for 2021. After rounds of evaluation by the various judging panels, 23 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.
9. In my third year as the President of AiSP and my years of volunteer, while it is tough to juggle time between work, family and community, it is satisfying experience to see the difference made with AISP's initiatives and most importantly to strengthening of the ecosystem through our collaborative partnerships with the local, regional and international organisations. Last year, AiSP & SCSIA members work together to support PDD Industry Launch Event and on the Singapore Cyber Day where we bring Cyber Hygiene to the Special Needs and Primary School Students. This collaboration will growth and extend into years ahead.
10. This is not possible without great teamwork and like to thank the AiSP exco team especially the Management committee. Our secretariat, Elle, Karen, Rudy and Vincent are also significant part of the team equation as well.
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 evening.