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Eight Cybersecurity Companies & Professionals Honoured for their Outstanding Contributions to the Cybersecurity Ecosystem

Singapore, 13 October – Riding on the success of The Cybersecurity Awards (TCA) which started since 2018, the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) organised the sixth edition of The Cybersecurity Awards to recognise and honour individuals and companies with outstanding contributions to the cybersecurity ecosystem in Singapore and the region in 2023. Eight winners were awarded from out of 39 nominees from the Hall of Fame Category, Leader Category (2 winners), Professional Category, Student Category, MNC (Vendor) Category (2 winners) and SME (Vendor) Category based on their contributions and achievements for the cybersecurity ecosystem at the Cybersecurity Awards Ceremony which was held at Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

Gracing the celebratory event was Guest-of-Honour Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of National Development, who presented the awards to the winners (details can be found in Annex B). Around 350 guests from the industry, public sector and overseas information security associations attended the awards ceremony in person.

AiSP President Mr Johnny Kho shared,

"The Cybersecurity Awards 2023 celebrates not only the contributions from organisations in protecting our digital environments but also the dedication of those who tirelessly safeguard our digital landscapes. This award also reflects the unwavering dedication of our community to embrace digital trust through collaboration, innovation, and excellence. Together, we create a safer digital future."

Commissioner of Cybersecurity and Chief Executive of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), Mr David Koh said, "Today we celebrate the achievements of a dedicated group of cybersecurity individuals and organisations who have, in their own ways, contributed to making Singapore's cyberspace safer for all. We hope that their achievements will inspire more to join this meaningful profession. Singapore needs a steady stream of cybersecurity talents not just to deal with ever-evolving cybersecurity challenges but also to

drive innovation in cyber products and services so that we can reap the benefits of technology while minimising risks.”

TCA is supported by the CSA and nine other industry and professional associations¹. AiSP’s call for TCA’s 2024 nominees will commence on 1 February 2024 and the information will be made available at www.thecybersecurityawards.sg. TCA is open to all cybersecurity professionals and organisations at different stages of growth.

Annex A – Factsheet on the Cybersecurity Awards 2023 Finalists

About The Cybersecurity Awards 2023

The Cybersecurity Awards (TCA) is organised by the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP), supported by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), and Singapore Cyber Security Inter Association (SCSIA) which includes 10 organisations, one of which is AiSP. Comprising industry practitioners from Singapore and overseas, together with CSA and the organising committee, the judges for the awards were all volunteers contributing their time and expertise. TCA is open to all cybersecurity professionals and organisations at different stages of growth. Catering to various demographics including students, professionals and industry players, AiSP aims to make information security knowledge accessible to stakeholders in Singapore’s cybersecurity ecosystem. Please refer to www.thecybersecurityawards.sg for more details.

About AiSP

Started in 2008, the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) aims to:

- Promote the integrity, status and interests of Information Security Professionals in Singapore.
- Develop, support and enhance technical competence and management expertise in cybersecurity.
- Bolster the development, increase and spread of information.

Please refer to www.aisp.sg or reach out to our media contacts for more details.

¹ SCSIA comprises of AiSP, Centre for Strategic Cyberspace + International Studies, Cloud Security Alliance Singapore Chapter, High Tech Crime Investigation Association Singapore Chapter, ISACA Singapore Chapter, ISC² Singapore Chapter, OT-ISAC, Singapore Computer Society, SGTech, and The Law Society of Singapore.

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Annex B – Factsheet on the Cybersecurity Awards 2023 Finalists

Student Category

Student Award

This award recognises students in the Institutes of Higher Learning who are passionate about cybersecurity, have volunteered in this field, as well as attained achievements in their cybersecurity fields.

One Winner: Edwin Chua

Edwin spearheaded flagship events, including the NYPxCSA Youth Cyber Exploration Programme, which has empowered over 200 secondary school students to support Singapore's future cybersecurity talent pipeline by engaging with youth at pre-tertiary level. Edwin is also a key member of the Lag and Crash initiative, a competition organised by the local polytechnic cybersecurity interest groups. He led the system administration team in the hosting of the infrastructure and providing technical support throughout the competition.

Professional Category

Professional Award

This award recognises the significant achievements of cybersecurity professionals and their contributions to their professions and communities. The Nominees must have also demonstrated how they have raised Singapore's standing in cybersecurity beyond its shores by leveraging their cybersecurity expertise.

One Winner: Eugene Lim

Eugene made significant achievements in his work as a Senior Cybersecurity Specialist in GovTech Cybersecurity Group. He proposed, prototyped, and developed a whole-of-government code scanning initiative to prevent repeated vulnerabilities and scale findings from penetration tests and vulnerability disclosures from the public. He produced sterling penetration tests and security research that improved the security of several government agencies and systems.

As a member of several professional and community organisations such as Division Zero and Singapore Computer Society, Eugene has conducted technical sharing sessions at

community building events to uplift the profession in Singapore. For example, he spoke at the Div0 x AiSP Software Security Knowledge Exchange on offensive reverse engineering in 2021 and the (ISC)2 Singapore Chapter Technology Sharing Webinar in 2022. As a committee leader of the Div0 Bug Bounty Quarter, he has organised several talks for the community by inviting expert speakers as well as contributing his own talks on technical topics.

Eugene is a well-known figure on the international cybersecurity stage, having spoken at top global cybersecurity conferences such as Black Hat USA (2020, 2021, and 2022) and DEF CON (2021 and 2022). He also spoke at top regional conferences such as GISEC in Dubai, THREAT CON in Nepal, and BSides Ahmedabad in India, and ShmooCon in the US. As such, he is recognised as a top security researcher from Singapore.

Leader

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There are two winners this year:

1) Ken Soh Lee Meng

Ken believes his warm and well-balanced approach to people has helped him aplenty in being not just a manager but a natural leader. With that, He has since successfully mobilised the transformation of a listed SME's Group IT department into a profitable cyber security consulting outfit with customers from Singapore, APAC and Europe. Alongside servicing the industry, he found fulfilment in serving the community. For example, in leading non-profit trade association such as the SGTech Cyber Security Chapter; and being an avid contributor with more than 250 invited thought leadership speaking and papers, consultative industry and mentorship activities.

2) Jenny Tan

Jenny believes she deserves this award for constantly creating opportunities for people to be educated and equipped with technology risks and cybersecurity skills and knowledge. Her versatility has empowered individuals, from students to professionals to homemakers to career switchers, making complex subjects easier and fostering stronger safety nets in our

social and work environment. Moreover, her leadership in this field and continual progression of the ISACA SG Chapter's commitment to advocate digital trust has been evident. This award is a responsibility, and it inspires her to further develop herself in this domain and hope she can be the role model to inspire more women to enter this domain.

Hall of Fame

This award recognises honouring outstanding individual for exceptional contribution to the profession, society or field of expertise.

One Winner: Kang Meng Chow

For over 20 years, Meng-Chow has been a strong global advocate and contributor towards cybersecurity standards, professional developments, management practices and policy formulation. He established our first security standards committee in 1998, co-founded the RAISE Forum in 2004, and in 2006, became the first Convenor for the inaugural ISO Security Services Standards Working Group leading the publication of numerous ISO standards on cybersecurity. In 2012, he pioneered the world's-first Multi-tier Cloud Security Standards—a cornerstone for security assurance of cloud service providers in Singapore and the financial sector in Korea. More than 120 cloud services and 20 of the top global CSPs have been certified against this standard since 2013. His work in (ISC)² board and advisory roles and more recently, as member of its global diversity task force, has influenced the growth and practice of cybersecurity profession across its 167,000 members and associates worldwide. As author, Meng-Chow's book and commentaries on "Responsive Security", and lectures as adjunct Associate Professor at NTU, has helped to raise the importance of security readiness in enterprise among practitioners and academia alike. As member of the MAS International Cybersecurity Advisory Panels, and a GovTech Smart Nation Fellow on Cybersecurity, his experience has helped shape the cybersecurity policy landscape in Singapore.

Enterprise Category

SME Vendor

This award recognises small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that have contributed significantly to Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem, profession and society. Nominees are also judged on their efforts in raising Singapore's standing in cybersecurity, initiatives to

raise security awareness in their organisations and human resource practices for the development of cybersecurity professionals.

One Winner: Cybersafe

Cybersafe is a pioneer in Cybersecurity-as-a-Service, catering specifically to SMEs in Singapore. Their focus is not merely on technical services but also on redefining cybersecurity as a value-adding investment for SMEs. By closely aligning with operational needs, they've become a pillar of support in the business community. Internationally, they've exported our Singaporean Cybersecurity Brand and Standards, aiding foreign enterprises in adopting CSA's Cyber Essentials Certifications. This award further fuels their commitment to fostering a robust cybersecurity ecosystem, both locally and abroad, while continuing their work to create opportunities and solving problems in the Cybersecurity Field.

MNC Vendor

This award recognises multinational corporations (MNCs) operating in Singapore, that have contributed significantly to Singapore's ecosystem, profession and society. Nominees are judged on their efforts in raising Singapore's standing in cybersecurity, initiatives to raise security awareness in their organisations and human resource practices for their cybersecurity professionals.

There are two winners this year:

1) Cisco Systems (USA) Pte. Ltd.

Cisco Security drives security resilience, enabling organizations to protect the integrity of their business amidst unpredictable threats so business leaders can act with confidence in an ever-changing world. As security becomes more complex in a hybrid world, Cisco has worked closely with industry players to build Singapore's cyber resilience, from promoting research and development capabilities with the National University of Singapore to providing threat intelligence and cyber-attack response support to public agencies and strengthening the pipeline of cybersecurity talents with Cisco Networking Academy. Cisco look forward to making the digital environment a safer place for all, in partnership with the ecosystem.

2) Ensign InfoSecurity

From the forefront of innovation to the heart of community engagement, Ensign InfoSecurity relentlessly pursues excellence in the ever-evolving cybersecurity landscape. Being honoured with last year's cybersecurity award, they are deeply humbled to win it again. Their

journey, however, continues, as they double down on their efforts to secure organisations, nurture future talent, as well as champion diversity and sustainability. The only homegrown cybersecurity company with a dedicated R&D function, they help to protect Singapore's critical infrastructures. As they navigate the global cybersecurity frontier, their commitment remains unwavering – to make a lasting impact on the industry, safeguarding companies, industries, and nations.