

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP Vice-President Mr Tony Low at  
SME Cybersecurity Conference on 30 Nov 2022, 10.15AM at NTUC OMB**

1. Good Morning
  - a. Ms Yeo Wan Ling, Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC and NTUC U SME Director
  - b. Distinguished Guests
  - c. Ladies and Gentlemen
  
2. Welcome to our Annual SME Cybersecurity Conference. Firstly, I would like to thank Ms Yeo for taking time to grace this event.
  
3. The Singapore economy has entered a new phase of growth post-COVID. A similar trend of growth and recovery is seen with local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). It has been a challenging journey for SMEs from one crisis to another. Additional headwinds, such as hyperinflation, consumers and organizations pulling back spending and growing geopolitical tensions and their potential disruption to supply chains, mean considerable business uncertainty ahead. Through the pandemic, businesses needed to pivot to digital to support social distancing and lockdown. Even when the businesses open and measures have been lifted, consumers are eager to meet and engage face to face. Now companies have been challenged with the increasing need to invest in technology to improve their online digital presence, streamline operations, and protect themselves against adversaries.
  
4. Hence would like the attendees today to take the opportunity to gain additional insights into trends and opportunities learning from the sessions lined up today to make your company's cyber-resilience in the new norm.

## 5. Partners

The SME Cybersecurity Conference is part of the Cybersecurity Awareness and Advisory Programme, supported by Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, NTUC Tech Talent Assembly and U-SME. We would like to thank our supporting partners for making this event possible. They are:

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## **7. Launching of CAAP: Advisory**

Today also marks another milestone for AiSP and CAAP. We will be taking expanding our help and support to the SME community. We will be starting a basic cybersecurity advisory program provided on a pro bono basis by our members. Through our cybersecurity advisory program, we hope to give your business and your employees the first step to embark on an exciting digital transformation journey and make your business more secure.

8. With that, thank you and have a very enjoyable day.