

**Welcome Remarks by AiSP President Mr Johnny Kho at  
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Good Morning

1. Minister for Communications and Information and the Minister in Charge of Smart Nation & Cybersecurity, Mrs Josephine Teo
2. Commissioner of Cyber Security Singapore, Chief Executive of Cyber Security Agency of Singapore and AiSP Advisory Chair, Mr David Koh
3. Friends from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam
4. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the Inaugural Southeast Asia Cyber Security Consortium Forum.

Firstly, I would like to thank Minister Josephine Teo for taking time to grace this event to witness the signing of a joint MOU between the 8 countries.

This inaugural South-East Asia Cybersecurity Forum Consortium 2022 (SEACC) mark a big step for AiSP to venture regionally and extend the collaboration with our neighbours.

AiSP is proud to host the 7 associations and organisations in Singapore for this forum as it further strengthens our current partnerships to create a more vibrant and dynamic regional cybersecurity ecosystem for our members to exchange knowledge and participate in events on a regional basis. This will help to advance the information security and cybersecurity profession as well as the professional standing of all the regional association members, such as contributions to each other's publication/s and initiatives.

Many of our overseas friends are not new to us as we have worked on many occasions and events together in the past years during Covid. I am very happy that we can finally meet in person today and share our experience and knowledge.

Like what I shared 2 weeks ago at The Cybersecurity Awards 2022, cyber practitioners need to work closely together regardless of organisation and nationality as the bad actors are doing this very well.

I believe that through this consortium, the 8 countries association including AiSP will be able to build a safe and trusted cyberspace where our people and businesses trust and are confident to live, work and play in the region.

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank all our supporting partners for making today forum possible. Please join me to give a round of applause to:

- Cyber Security Agency of Singapore
- Checkmarx
- Fortinet
- Globalsign
- Huawei International

In closing, I would also like to thank AiSP Immediate Past President & Advisor to EXCO, Dr Steven Wong for championing this forum and this is an embodiment of the passion we want to instil in our regional cybersecurity ecosystem.

With that, thank you and I looked forward to learn more and share more with of you later on in the forum.