

# Local servers still at risk – CyberSecurity Malaysia



Participants engaging in a competition of the Borneo Cyber Security Challenge at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: CyberSecurity Malaysia, an agency under MOSTI reported that it detected intrusions in several local servers for years and issued advisories to victims but ignorance was still making them easy target for hackers.

“They found that over 2,100 servers have been compromised and their access sold to hackers,” disclosed Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Prof Dr Shahril Yusof.

According to Kapersky report, he shared by June 2016, more than 70,000 hacked servers are up for sale and Malaysian servers were the 10th most in demand.

“Therefore, this year, the government launched the Cyber Defence Operations Centre under Ministry of Defence (Mindef) to thwart the possibility of cyber attacks,” said Dr Shahril in his welcoming remarks during the launch of Borneo Cyber Security Challenge 2017 at UMS here yesterday.

He added: “This is to respond to the attacks that occur in October last year where Mindef

was under a cyber attack although the damage caused was minimal.”

He said cyber security is everyone’s responsibility as “we need to recognise that security goes beyond systems, software or ICT departments.”

“We can have a firewall but when someone opens something with his computer, it gets in,” he warned.

Misuse of the internet and social media should be avoided, especially the spread of false information, so that it does not have a bad effect on the individual, community and our country, he added.

He advised the youth to use the internet and social media wisely to help understand the current issues at home and abroad.

The Cyber Security Challenge is one of the collaboration between the Faculty of Computing and Informatics UMS and Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and he hoped both parties will continue to enhance strategic partnership in the field of cyber security, corporate social responsibility and related researches.