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(ISC)²® ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FIRST ASIA-PACIFIC INFORMATION SECURITY LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Programme recognises professionals advancing IT security workforce in Asia-Pacific

Hong Kong, 8 May 2007 – (ISC)²® (“ISC-squared”), the non-profit global leader in educating and certifying information security professionals throughout their careers, today announced its inaugural Asia-Pacific Information Security Leadership Achievements (ISLA) programme is now open for nominations.

The ISLA, part of (ISC)²'s global Awards Programme, recognises the ongoing commitment by information security leaders in Asia-Pacific to build a highly qualified and ethical workforce. Professionals can be nominated in three distinct categories:

- Senior non-IT security professional (CIO, CFO, programme/project manager, etc.) who has significantly contributed to the enhancement of the IT security workforce by demonstrating a leadership role in any IT security workforce improvement initiative, programme or project. Candidates in this category should occupy a senior-level position within their organisation.
- Senior IT security professional (CSO, CISO, IT security manager or senior security manager with significant IT security management responsibilities) who has significantly contributed to the enhancement of the IT security workforce by demonstrating a leadership role in any IT security workforce improvement initiative, programme or project.
- IT security practitioner who has distinguished him/herself for implementing and/or managing the implementation of a component of a security programme (managing a security awareness and training programme, conducting difficult, complex security evaluations, etc.)



ISLA recognises all candidates who meet the criteria of the three categories. Additionally, (ISC)² will also showcase individuals who have led an innovative or distinguishable IT security workforce improvement initiative.

The criteria for showcasing these initiatives are:

- The impact the initiative, programme or project had on the business or organisation
- How the initiative, programme or project leveraged people, processes and technology for a successful implementation
- Innovative approaches to overcoming obstacles or how the initiative, programme or project built a foundation for the future

“Asia-Pacific has the largest (ISC)² information security credential population outside of the US, and there are so many distinguished professionals in the region who are protecting the lifeblood of business - information security,” said Dr. Jae Woo Lee, CISSP, chair professor, Graduate School of International Affairs and Information, Dongguk University, and co-chair of the (ISC)² Asian Advisory Board. “The Advisory Board shares (ISC)²’s vision for recognising the achievements of those pioneers whose extraordinary efforts continue to grow and advance the regional IT security workforce.”

“We owe a great deal to Dr. Lee for his fine leadership in establishing this programme,” commented Professor Corey Schou, PhD, vice chairperson of the (ISC)² Board of Directors and co-chair of the (ISC)² Asian Advisory Board.

Ed Zeitler, CISSP, executive director for (ISC)², said, “We thank all of the Advisory Board members for their valuable advice on promoting information security professionalism in Asia-Pacific and for offering their expertise on the nominations review committee. Everyone participating on the committee is extremely well-qualified to evaluate and select final nominees.”

Six senior information security executives from the Advisory Board will determine the final nominees. The (ISC)² Asian Advisory Board is a select and diverse group of voluntary senior security and management professionals who are responsible for bringing relevant regional industry issues to the attention of (ISC)² management. The six committee members are:

- Mark Ames, CISSP, CISA, CISM, Partner, ICT Risk Pty Ltd, Australia
- Prinya Hom-anek, CISSP, CISA, CISM, SANS GIAC GCFW, CompTIA Security+, President & Founder, ACIS Professional Center, Thailand
- Meng Chow Kang, CISSP, CISA, Chief Security Advisor, Microsoft Greater China Region
- Peter Koo, HKICPA, CA, AICPA, CFE, CISA, CISM, CIA, Partner, Enterprise Risk Services, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- Chester Soong, CISSP-ISSMP, ISSAP, CISA, Managing Director of Security Consulting Services Limited, Hong Kong
- Prof. Hiroshi Yasuda, Dr.E, CISSP, Professor, Tokyo Denki University, School of Science Technology for Future Life, Japan

(ISC)² will honor all qualified nominees on 9 July 2007 at the ISLA Gala Dinner at the



Sheraton Grand Sukhumvit in Bangkok, Thailand. Concurrently, the (ISC)² Security Leadership Event *InformationSecurityAsia 2007: SecureAsia@Bangkok Conference* will be held 10-11 July 2007 in the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. (ISC)² Board members and renowned industry experts from the US and Asia-Pacific will discuss the most updated information security technologies and management strategies.

(ISC)² is accepting ISLA nominations until **8 June 2007**. To nominate someone or for more information, please visit www.isc2.org/isla.

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