ISS' Post-graduate Students Are Now Members of the AISP Affiliate Student Chapter

Singapore, 22nd January 2010 - All post-graduate students of the Institute of Systems Science (ISS), NUS are now subscribed to the Association of Information Security Professionals (AISP) Affiliate Student Chapter Scheme. This collaboration is announced today at the ISS-AISP student chapter launch cum signing ceremony at ISS. The new move draws different strengths of both organisations in promoting the development of skills and knowledge in information security for the students.

Security has been a much talk about topic in recent years since the September 11 incident in 2001. Singapore has also stepped up efforts to ensure security is constantly observed. A five-year Infocomm Security Masterplan (MP2) was launched in April 2008, aimed at building on the achievements of the first Masterplan* by enhancing the tenacity of Singapore's economy against cyber attacks, thereby boosting confidence in Singapore as a strategic and secure location for investments. With cyber threats becoming increasingly sophisticated, it has become essential that infocomm security professionals continue to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage infocomm security risks.

This brought about the formation of AISP, which was registered with the assistance of the Singapore Computer Society and with strong support from the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore. AISP is aimed at enhancing the standing of the infocomm security profession in Singapore and has started reaching out to Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) to groom the next generation of information security professionals.

Together with AISP student members of the Singapore Management University and Nanyang Polytechnic, all 300 of ISS full-time students will belong to an exclusive network of professionals who possess a vast base of knowledge in the information security industry. They can also leverage on the networking opportunities with information security professionals in the industry and students from AISP Affiliate Chapters at other IHLs. This membership also gives students access to AISP resources, expertise, promotions and upcoming events.

"There is a very serious shortage of highly skillful infocomm security professionals in Singapore. By providing networking opportunities and professional seminars that AISP offers, we hope to excite our students to be more security savvy and inspire some to become top-notch security professionals. We are honoured to work together with AISP to nurture competent infocomm security professionals in Singapore." said Mr Lim Swee Cheang, Director/CEO of Institute of Systems Science, NUS.

"AISP is very pleased that ISS is strongly supporting the AISP Affiliate Student Chapter Scheme by including all ISS post-graduate students in the scheme. It is a clear demonstration of ISS' commitment to expose its students to the infocomm security profession and provide them good business networking opportunities to help them further their careers. It is also another important step in AISP working in partnership with ISS to promote the professional development of the infocomm security profession in Singapore." said Mr Gerard Tan, President of the Association of Information Security Professionals.

During the event, a talk themed 'Protect Critical Information with High Performance Application Security' was presented by Mr Lim Chin Keng, Director of Field System Engineering and Partner Enablement in F5 Networks Asia Pacific. He addressed the issue of sensitive data being exposed to new security vulnerabilities and attacks, especially at the application layer as more application traffic moves over the web.

ISS is also in collaboration with AISP to develop a certification programme for infocomm security professionals which will help determine their adequacy of information security skills and competencies. ISS will also administer a qualifying examination to certify the programme's participants. This programme is slated to be conducted in the first half of this year.

* The first Masterplan was launched in 2005 to provide a roadmap for developing infocomm security capabilities at the national level.

About Institute of Systems Science, NUS

The Institute of Systems Science (ISS) of the National University of Singapore, is a premier institute providing IT education and training programmes in Singapore. It offers graduate programmes and professional diplomas as well as professional development courses delivered in the classroom and/or through e-learning. It has trained over 64,500 people, who now constitute a major proportion of the IT professional workforce in Singapore. For more than 28 years, the institute prides itself on maintaining world-class quality standards in the curriculum and course offerings. It also conducts research and provides consulting services to industry. For more information, visit www.iss.nus.edu.sg

About Association of Information Security Professionals

AISP was registered as a non-profit organisation with the assistance of the Singapore Computer Society (SCS) and with strong support from the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (iDA) in February 2008. It aims to transform information (including infocomm) security into a distinguished profession and build a critical pool of competent information security professionals who subscribe to the highest professional standards. The first such association in Asia, AISP hopes to elevate the standing, professionalism and trust accorded to network of professionals that possess a vast base of knowledge in the information security industry. For more information, visit www.aisp.sg

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