SKMM REMINDS PUBLIC TO BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Cyberjaya, 28 July 2010 – The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (SKMM) would like to remind the public to be wary of Phishing attempts leveraging on the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) current exercise of refunding overpaid taxes to the public.

Brief overview of the modus operandi of this scam
The phishing attempts may happen or be attempted in the following way:

A person will receive a spam email purportedly from LHDN informing that the person is entitled to a refund of RM700 and will be asked to click on the logo of a local bank that is provided in the fake IRB/LHDN website to proceed further.

If the person clicks on the local bank logo, he will be redirected to a website that looks exactly like the original website of a Malaysian bank and will be scammed into revealing his personal financial information.

SKMM would like to remind the public that Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) nor any Malaysian bank is involved in the sending of the said emails.
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SKMM is presently taking proactive steps to counter this particular scam but would still advise the public to be wary and **not to respond** to such emails. The public should ignore those emails and report them to SKMM at [http://www.skmm.gov.my/antiphishing](http://www.skmm.gov.my/antiphishing)

As a general rule SKMM recommends the public take the following preventive measures to help mitigate security risks:

1. Use Web Browsers that are up-to-date with built-in Phishing filters
2. DO NOT trust emails proclaiming cash wins or refunds and requests for internet banking information
3. Ensure that you are on a secure website when submitting internet banking information
4. Contact your banks when in doubt

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of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities, in accordance with the national policy objectives set out in the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA), as well as postal services and digital certifications.

The CMA provides that SKMM undertakes a policy implementation role, while policy decision-making is vested with the Minister. The Minister may also give policy directions to the Commission.

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