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WEBSITES OWNERS BEWARE, HACKER ATTACKS ON THE RISE

8 September 2010, Cyberjaya – The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (SKMM) have detected increase web defacement activities targeting Malaysian websites and are currently working with the affected website owners to restore their websites. The number of defaced websites has increased from a total of 168 cases for the whole of August 2010 to 262 cases recorded in the first week of September 2010 alone.

SKMM urges Malaysian website owners to update and secure their website applications and servers to the latest patches and service packs to fix various vulnerabilities that can be exploited by hackers to compromise their websites.

Website owners are advised to allocate adequate measures to monitor their websites for the upcoming long holidays, when most people will be away for the Hari Raya celebrations, possibly leaving most websites left unmonitored for an extended period of time. In 2009, similar heightened web defacement activities were also detected during the long Hari Raya holidays.
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Website owners are advised to contact SKMM at +603-8688 8303 if they detect any hacking activities on their websites and refer to the SKMM Advisory at http://www.skmm.gov.my/cybersecurity for further information on the matter.

SKMM will continue to monitor the situation through the SKMM Network Security Center (SNSC). SNSC is a cyber security monitoring centre initiated by the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission (SKMM) in line with National Cyber security Policy (NCSP) and the 10th National Policy Objective under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA 1998).

SNSC provides preventive early warnings to all relevant stakeholders in Malaysia and serves as the national Internet network thermometer to provide overall understanding of macro cyber threat level with the involvement and cooperation of both public and private sectors.

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The primary role of SKMM is to implement and promote the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. SKMM is also charged with
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overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries 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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