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**MCMC EXTENDS SUPPORT TO HOMEGROWN  
REGIONAL HACKING AND NETWORK SECURITY CONFERENCE**

*Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission to be Supporting Organisation  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HITBSecconf2004*

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, (13<sup>th</sup> September 2004)** – Hack In The Box (M) Sdn Bhd, organizers of Malaysia’s first non-profit home-grown hacking and network security conference, is proud to announce that the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has agreed to be the Supporting Organisation for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HITBSecconf2004 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> at The Westin KL.

Building on the success of the last two conferences, this year’s event has been extended to cover a period of four days, kicking off on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October with a two-day hands-on technical training session, followed by the conference proper on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

“We are proud to be invited as a Supporting Organisation for HITBSecConf2004,” said Adelina Iskandar, MCMC’s Head of Corporate Communications. “The converging communications and multimedia industry and rapid technological changes have also posed new challenges to the security of the networks.

MCMC's paper will discuss the issues surrounding the communications and multimedia industry and the challenges. To address the challenges, we will highlight several of these initiatives that the MCMC is working on in addressing those concerns", she continued.

In issues of information and network security, the Malaysian communications and multimedia industry is guided by the 10<sup>th</sup> National Policy Objective of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (Act 588), and that is, to ensure information security and network reliability and integrity. In the liberalized industry, network infrastructure in Malaysia is privately owned, and it is thus imperative for network owners to ensure the security and reliability and integrity of the network so that consumers feel safe and have full confidence in its delivery.

MCMC's speaker at the event will be Mr Toh Swee Hoe, General Manager of Monitoring and Enforcement Division at MCMC. He will be presenting a paper on Information Network Security Issues in the Communications and Multimedia Industry.

HITBSecConf2004 will be reining in some 20 of the world's renowned hackers and security experts to speak and present at the event. The highlight of the conference will be the keynote speakers, who will be none other than Mr. Theo De Raadt from Canada and Mr. John T. Draper (a.k.a Captain Crunch) from the United States.

In 1995 Mr. De Raadt created the OpenBSD project, creating a free Unix that focuses primarily on security technologies. A few years later he also started the OpenSSH project, the most deployed Open Source software in the world. He has been involved with free UNIX operating systems since 1990 and was one of the founders and prime developers of NetBSD. At the conference, Mr. De Raadt, will be presenting a paper entitled "Exploit Mitigation Techniques".

Mr. John T. Draper is listed in Discovery Channel's "Hackers Hall of Fame" and was one of the original members of the Homebrew Computer Club. Widely known as the first security pioneer, Mr. Draper has over 30 years of programming and security expertise to his name. He is credited with introducing, among others, Steve Wozniak

and Steve Jobs to the computing world, and a generation of hackers to the glorious concept of "phone phreaking", spawning the worldwide "2600" clubs.

His work with Jobs and Wozniak led him to become the 13th employee of Apple computers, where he designed telephone interface boards, as well as hardware and software for the Apple II.

While there have been an increasing number of security conferences in the region, most of these are profit-oriented and hence many individuals and smaller companies cannot really afford to attend. Yet, it is equally important that these people acquire the knowledge to be gained from these events. The HITB series of International security conferences is perhaps one of the few not-for-profit security events organized in the region.

"We are honoured that MCMC has officially extended its support to us despite it being only our third conference," said Mr. Dhillon Andrew Kannabhiran, Founder and Chief Executive Officer for Hack In The Box.

"We look forward to a long and productive partnership with MCMC in the coming years."

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**About MCMC**

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is the regulator for the converging communications and multimedia industry. At the time it was created, its key role was the regulation of the communications and multimedia industry based on the powers provided for in the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission Act (1998) and the Communications and Multimedia Act (1998). Pursuant to these Acts the role of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is to implement and promote the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is also charged with overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities. For more information on MCMC, visit [www.mcmc.gov.my](http://www.mcmc.gov.my)

**About HITBSecconf2004**

The main aim of HITBSecConf2004 is to enable the dissemination, discussion and sharing of network security information. Presented by respected members of the mainstream network security arena as well as the underground or BlackHat community, this year's conference promises to once again give attendees and inside look at several new attacks as well as defence methods that have not been seen or discussed in public before. The official conference website for HITBSecConf2004 is at <http://conference.hackinthebox.org>. Registration for the event is done online.

**About Hackinthebox.org**

Hack In The Box is a network security portal designed to facilitate discussions on security related topics, create security awareness, and to try and provide a comprehensive database of security knowledge and resources to the public. We aim to make HITB a single place or community on the Internet where people and corporations can go to find security information and the latest news from the underground as well as from the computer technology sectors. The site provides access to security links and resources, including news, books, mailing lists, tools, products and security services. The staff at hackinthebox.org is committed to stimulation discussion between users and computer professionals to help Keep Knowledge Free.