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### **APCERT EMBARKS ON GLOBAL COORDINATION TO MITIGATE ADVANCE PERSISTENT THREATS**

The Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) today has successfully completed its annual drill to test the response capability of leading Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRT) from Asia Pacific economies. For the first time, APCERT involved the participation from the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) in the annual drill, following a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration signed in September, 2011.

The theme of the APCERT Drill 2012 is “*Advance Persistent Threats and Global Coordination*”. The objective is for participating teams to exercise incident response handling arrangements locally and internationally to mitigate the impact of advance persistent threats that involved large scale malicious software propagation and attacks capable of impairing the critical infrastructure and economic activities. This exercise reflected the strong collaboration amongst the economies, and it also enhanced the communication protocols, technical capabilities and quality of incident responses for assuring Internet security and safety.

22 CSIRT teams from 17 economies (Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) of APCERT and 3 CSIRT teams from 3 economies (Tunisia, Egypt and Pakistan) of OIC-CERT participated in the drill.

#### **About APCERT**

APCERT was established by leading and national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) from the economies of the Asia Pacific region to improve cooperation, response and information sharing among CSIRTs in the region. APCERT consists of 28 CSIRTs from 19 economies. Further information about APCERT can be found on [www.apcert.org](http://www.apcert.org).

#### **About OIC-CERT**

OIC-CERT was established in June 2005, to provide a platform for member countries to explore and to develop collaborative initiatives and possible partnerships in matters pertaining to cyber security that shall strengthen their self reliant in the cyberspace. OIC-CERT consists of 22 CERTs and cyber security related agencies from 18 economies. Further information about OIC-CERT can be found on: [www.oic-cert.net](http://www.oic-cert.net)

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