

## **International Women Day Celebrations 2025 – Women Capture the Flag Competition and Friendship Circles at AiSP Ladies in Cyber Symposium 2025 at Marina Bay Sands**

**Singapore, 09 March 2025** – The Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) is proud to announce the launch of its inaugural Women Capture the Flag Competition held in conjunction at the International Women Day Celebrations 2025 at the highly anticipated Ladies in Cyber Symposium. **This groundbreaking initiative aims to create opportunities for female students and professionals with little to no background in IT, empowering them to build foundational skills and explore careers in technology.** Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of National Development, will present the prizes for the inaugural Women Capture the Flag Competition as the Guest-of-Honour for the Ladies in Cyber Symposium 2025 and participate in a panel discussion with more than 150 female participants.

### **Accelerating Action: Empowering Women’s Equality in Cybersecurity**

The Capture the Flag competition offers participants the chance to engage in real-world cybersecurity scenarios, solving puzzles in areas such as cryptography, network security, and web exploitation. Through guided challenges, participants gain practical skills, from identifying vulnerabilities to simulating attacks and defenses, providing invaluable exposure to cybersecurity tools and techniques in a supportive and collaborative environment.

The Symposium will include a sharing by ST Engineering and a panel discussion with Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of National Development and Ms Lata Bavisi, President of EC-Council University. Following the sharing session and panel discussion, attendees will participate in the Friendship Circle, organized in partnership with SG Her Empowerment and NTUC Women and Family. They will be divided into groups of eight, each facilitated by a female facilitator, to discuss tools and resources that could empower them to re-enter the workforce or explore opportunities in the cybersecurity sector. Participants will also share their interests in cybersecurity, the roles or areas that excite them, and ways to stay safe in the digital space.

This Symposium is also supported by National Youth Council and supported by the SG Youth Plan and listed as one of the SG60 Signature Event.

"As the EXCO Lead of Ladies in Cyber, it is my honour to organise the inaugural Capture the flag competition for Women during the International Women Day Celebrations as part of this year Ladies in Cyber Symposium 2025. This event encourages the forefront of empowering women within the cybersecurity field. This initiative aims to empower women in cybersecurity—students, professionals, and enthusiasts alike—by providing them with opportunities to test their skills in real-world scenarios, continuously improve, and earn rewards for identifying and resolving vulnerabilities.," said Ms Judy Saw, AiSP EXCO Lead for Ladies in Cyber Charter.

"At EC-Council University, we believe that diversity is a driving force behind innovation in cybersecurity. The Ladies in Cyber Symposium 2025, with its Women Capture the Flag competition and Friendship Circles, embodies the spirit of empowerment, equipping women with the skills and confidence to excel in this critical field. By providing structured learning opportunities and fostering mentorship, we are not only closing the gender gap but also strengthening the cybersecurity ecosystem with fresh perspectives and talent.," said Ms Lata Bavis, President of EC-Council University.

"Having spent years mentoring aspiring cybersecurity professionals and guiding young talents, I've seen firsthand the power of hands-on experience in shaping the next generation of cyber defenders. Our Capture The Flag (CTF) competition is designed to be an inclusive platform where anyone, regardless of skill level, can participate and grow. At the same time, it presents a formidable battleground that pushes even the most advanced players to their limits. This balance of accessibility and challenge is what makes it a true test of skill, strategy, and resilience in today's evolving threat landscape.," said Mr Aaron Ang, Chief Technology Officer of Cyber Leaders Nexus Pte Ltd.

Cyber Leaders Nexus was founded as a thought leadership center and has since evolved into a full-scale cybersecurity consultancy. They provide expert advisory and leadership services to help organizations navigate the complexities of modern cyber threats. Their mission is to strengthen digital resilience by equipping businesses with the strategic insights, cutting-edge solutions, and proactive defense measures necessary to safeguard critical assets. Through their deep industry expertise and commitment to innovation, Cyber Leaders Nexus empowers organizations to stay ahead of emerging threats, ensuring a secure and resilient digital future.

## **A Vision for a Secure Future**

The symposium is supported by partners from the government, industry, and community such as, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), EC-Council University, ST Engineering, ISC2 Singapore, ISACA Singapore Chapter, Mendaki, National Youth Council, NTUC U PME, NTUC WAF, SG Her Empowerment, SINDA & TTAB. This event is also organised as part of the AiSP Cyber Wellness Programme which is supported under the Digital for Life (DfL) movement. Through the DfL movement, like-minded partners across private, public and people sectors work together to help Singaporeans embrace digital as a lifelong pursuit, so as to enrich their lives and build a safe and inclusive digital society for all. This Symposium is also supported by National Youth Council and supported by the SG Youth Plan and listed as one of the SG60 Signature Event

AiSP's goal is to contribute to a more inclusive and secure cybersecurity community. By launching this initiative, AiSP aims to inspire and support women to excel in the cybersecurity field. It also assures AiSP's dedication to practical and continuous learning, aligning with the broader mission to advance information security professionals.

## **About Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP)**

The Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) was registered with the assistance of the Singapore Computer Society (SCS) and the strong support of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) in February 2008. It was officially launched on 17 April 2008 by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

AiSP aims to:

- To promote, develop, support, and enhance the integrity, technical competence, management expertise, status, and interests of information security professionals in Singapore.
- To promote the development, increase and spread of information security knowledge and of any related subject.

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## **About AiSP Ladies in Cyber Charter**

Established in 2018, the AiSP Ladies in Cyber Charter is dedicated to advancing women in the cybersecurity field. Our mission is to engage women in cybersecurity in Singapore and abroad through networking, support, collaboration, and motivation. We believe that an important aspect of bridging the cyber talent pool gap is to build initiatives that encourage more females to enter this profession. Our volunteer team consists of female cybersecurity professionals who run programs aimed at promoting development, advancement, and inclusion of women in the cybersecurity field. We also conduct career talks and mentorship programs for students interested in pursuing a career in cybersecurity.



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