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MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY WINS NATIONAL IT SECURITY COMPETITION

Kuala Lumpur, 19 June 2013 – After one month of intense competition, undergraduate's trio – Tan Jin Fu, Ong Yi Hao and Soh Chong Hwa - from Multimedia University (MMU), Malacca emerged triumphant as the grand prize winner for the 2013 F-Secure's National Inter-Varsity IT Security Competition.

The competition was organized by F-Secure in partnership with MDeC (Multimedia Development Corporation) in attempt to develop local talents and encourage more Malaysian undergraduates to venture into the field of IT security through education.

The objective of the competition was to provide opportunities for all full-time IT undergraduate students enrolled in all Malaysian public and private universities to participate in a friendly competition during which they were able to apply their academic knowledge and personal interest in the field of IT security.

"We strongly believe in investing and developing young minds at local universities in effort to raise awareness on information security issues in Malaysia. The response from undergraduates so far has been promising. There is genuine interest for internet security in Malaysia and with this IT security competition, we believe we had provided an avenue for more Malaysians to move into this industry", said Goh Su Gim, Security Advisor Asia Pacific, F-Secure Labs.

Over the past month, F-Secure representatives ventured throughout the country to administer qualifying tests to almost 200 participants from 28 universities. The responses were encouraging with teams flown down all the way from Labuan and Penang to participate in the Semi-Finals. After a tough screening, Team '*CIA Triad*' from University Sains Malaysia (USM) and '*Little Pwnies*' from Multimedia University (MMU) Malacca advanced to the final round.

The winning team won the grand prize - three branded, high-end Windows 8 laptops worth RM5, 000 each, while the 1st runner-up team received three Android tablets worth RM2, 000 each. Additionally, both teams were equally thrilled as the chief judge for the competition was none other than Mikko Hyppönen, internationally acclaimed, computer security expert and Chief Research Officer of F-Secure Corporation.

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"We were overwhelmed with joy when we heard that we won! It was truly a privilege to meet the renowned Mikko himself and to learn from him. As a team, we gave it our best and look forward to venture into the field of IT security in the near future," said Tan Jin Fu, team leader of 'Little Pwnies' MMU.

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