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NTU Singapore and CSA Singapore launch joint centre for cybersecurity assessment

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) and the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) officially launched the National Integrated Centre for Evaluation (NiCE) to meet the demands of Singapore's cybersecurity evaluation needs.

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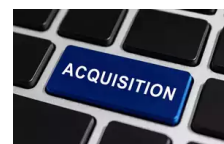
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Integrated Centre for Evaluation (NiCE) today.

The first of its kind in South-East Asia, the joint centre serves as a one-stop facility for cyber [security](#) evaluation and certification. NiCE is a unique initiative that pools industrial and research expertise together to develop a sustainable academia-industry-government ecosystem for product evaluation and certification in Singapore. The centre also aims to help build a pipeline of local product evaluation talent, which will maximise economic opportunities and boost Singapore's branding as a cybersecurity hub.

The collaboration harnesses the strengths of NTU's research expertise in software and hardware security assurance and CSA's commitment to grow the nation's cybersecurity market by fostering innovations between cybersecurity industry and academia to build world-class products and services, and developing a robust talent pipeline.

Located on the NTU Smart Campus, NiCE was officially launched today by Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Smart Nation and Cybersecurity, Mrs Josephine Teo.

NTU Deputy President and Provost Professor Ling San said: "The rising threat of cyberattacks makes it vital that institutions, companies and agencies stay one step ahead of cyberthreats. Properly evaluating hardware to ensure that they are designed with security in mind, rather than added on as an afterthought, is the first step in keeping our cyber-physical systems safe. NTU's collaboration with CSA to set up NiCE leverages the University's strengths in



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research and brings together industrial and research expertise in cybersecurity. The centre will also provide training and education to graduate students and industry professionals, allowing us to upskill and groom an important talent pool in this growing industry. This partnership underscores NTU's commitment as an academic anchor for industry partners.”

Mr. David Koh, Commissioner of Cybersecurity and Chief Executive of CSA, said: “As we move towards a digital future, it is important to ensure that new emerging technologies are designed securely. This collaboration between CSA and NTU underlines CSA's continual commitment in working with institutions of higher learning and industry to build up the cybersecurity manpower pipeline and facilitate a national cybersecurity ecosystem that will provide good business opportunities and jobs.”

NiCE supports the national push towards greater security evaluation by providing an all-in-one platform for manufacturers and developers to test and certify their products.

The \$19.5 million centre will provide support to the industry in three areas: creating a community of practice, developing a research eco-system, and furthering education and training.

To seed a community of practice, NiCE will provide access to advanced equipment which evaluators and developers can use to perform evaluation at the highest assurance level. The centre will also maintain a pool of research and technical staff with the

knowledge with other users.

This will contribute to a sustainable industry eco-system for product evaluation and certification in Singapore.

NiCE will support the growth of the nascent Testing, Inspection, and Certification (TIC) industry through its facilities for the vulnerability assessment of software and hardware products, physical hardware attacks and their countermeasures.

To uplift the industry eco-system for cybersecurity testing and evaluation, NiCE will facilitate research and development in advanced security evaluation techniques, covering topics such as software and hardware security protections.

This will in turn support the capability building and knowledge transfer to the TIC industry, so that TIC companies specialising in cybersecurity testing and certification can support CSA and NiCE in providing quality services to end industry users.

As the demands for the nation's cybersecurity evaluation grow, so will the demand for competent security evaluators and a sustained talent pipeline of such professionals.

To meet this demand, NiCE will provide training, development, and certification for students and professionals to equip them with relevant security evaluation competencies, as well as knowledge about certification processes and evaluation methodologies

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