

## **IMPACT PARTNERS WITH GLOBERON TO ENHANCE CAPACITY ON MOBILE AND WIRELESS SECURITY**

*An initiative to address the growing concerns for threats targeted at mobile devices and wireless network.*

Cyberjaya, July 25, 2013 - **International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT)** today **entered into a strategic partnership** with **Singapore based company, Globeron Pte Ltd** to facilitate the sharing of information and expertise in addressing the sharp rise in mobile and wireless malware.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Globeron's Chief Executive Officer, Ronald van Kleunen and IMPACT's Director for Policy and International Cooperation, Philip Victor. **This partnership enables IMPACT to tap into Globeron's expertise in providing highly specialised training and internationally recognised certifications in mobile and wireless security, for the benefit of its partner countries.**

Mobile devices have become highly essential in today's personal and business life – used for an extensive range of activities from communications and entertainment to critical business transactions. There is a growing concern for mobile and wireless security with the escalating incidents of malware and intrusions targeting mobile devices. Threats targeting smart phones and tablet computers are beginning to pose significant risk to users, organisations and service providers.

IMPACT's partner ABI Research in its analyst insider report, indicated a growing sophistication in mobile malware and such threats have grown by 261% in just two quarters in 2012. These malwares take advantage of a wider range of mobile functionalities to exploit vulnerabilities in both the device and network.

Despite the rise in such threats, it is a lifestyle many are embracing and according to ABI Research, over 5 billion wi-fi enabled mobile devices have been shipped to various markets worldwide in 2012.

“We can neither stop people from purchasing smart phones nor prevent hackers from attacking but we can increase the capabilities in preventing such threats as well as mitigating its effect,” said Philip.





He added that international professional certifications on mobile and wireless security, provided through Globeron, would allow security professional to greatly enhance their knowledge and know-how in this area to address this growing threat.

According to Ronald, IMPACT-Globeron initiative will focus on awareness, training and education to make a significant difference in the global effort against the rising incidents of cyber threats. “We aim to create more experts and professionals in this relatively new and challenging area.”

ITU’s cybersecurity arm, IMPACT, not only specialises in capacity building for cybersecurity but also provides a neutral platform which brings together its global partners, comprising over 200 industry, academia and international organisations to create a series of effective solutions to combat cyber threats. Today, with 145 partner countries formally part of the coalition, along with strong support from global industry giants and prestigious partners from the academia, ITU-IMPACT has become the largest one of its kind cybersecurity alliance in the world.

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#### **About IMPACT**

The International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT) is the cybersecurity executing arm of the United Nations' specialised agency - the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). As the world’s first UN-backed comprehensive alliance against cyber threats, IMPACT brings together governments, academia and industry experts to enhance the global community’s capabilities in dealing with cyber threats. Based in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, IMPACT is the operational home of ITU’s Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA). IMPACT provides ITU’s 193 Member States access to expertise, facilities and resources to effectively address cyber threats, as well as assisting United Nations agencies in protecting their ICT infrastructures. For more information, please visit [impact-alliance.org](http://impact-alliance.org). Follow us on    .

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