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## Experts to strengthen cyber security in the ASEAN region and beyond

Defense experts from countries in Asia and the Pacific commit to strengthen cyber-security in the region and beyond during the first day of the ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) – Plus Experts' Working Group (EWG) for Cyber Security in Manila on 17 July 2017.

The conference commenced with breakthrough sessions, where delegates were divided into 3 syndicate groups to discuss areas of concerns pertaining to cybersecurity. This is to give member-delegates a broad-stroke perspective of the cyberspace landscape in their respective countries.

Spearheading the event are EWG co-chairs Dir. Jesus V. Lomeda, Jr., Chief, Management Information Systems Service of the Department of National Defense, and Mr. Mike Thompson of the Ministry of Defence, New Zealand.

The G6 Army, N6 Navy and the Air Force A6 staffs for Command & Control, Communications and Cyber Systems (C4S) acted as rapporteurs for each syndicate discussion.

As the ASEAN moves forward towards a technologically capable region, the organizers believe that cooperation among member-states is the key in leveraging capabilities of each member state in addressing cybersecurity challenges, either collectively, or as individual states.

The ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN and its eight dialogue partners to strengthen security and defence cooperation for peace, stability, and development in the region. It includes ten ASEAN Member States, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and eight Plus countries, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, ROK, Russian Federation and the United States.

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