

# CISO Malaysia

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CISO Malaysia 2026 Thursday, 29 January Agenda	
08:30	<b>Registration and breakfast</b>
08:50	<b>Welcoming Remarks from Corinium</b>
08:55	<b>Chair's Opening Remarks</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Dr Manmeet Mahinderjit Singh</b> Associate Professor <a href="#">Universiti Sains Malaysia</a>
09:00	<b>Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO Malaysia!</b> During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet three people you don't already know. Have fun!
09:05	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <b>From Policy to Practice: Making the Cyber Security Act 2024 Work for Your Organisation</b>  As Malaysia enters a new era of cyber governance, this session unpacks what the Cyber Security Act 2024 really means for CISOs, especially those responsible for critical infrastructure and high-risk sectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the evolving role of the CISO under the Act: compliance, accountability, and strategic alignment</li> <li>• Readiness strategies for NCII sectors: threat modelling, incident reporting, and collaboration with NACSA</li> <li>• Bridging the gap between regulatory intent and operational execution through governance, tooling, and workforce enablement</li> </ul> <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Fazlan Abdullah</b> Acting Head, Pre-Emptive Technology & Services Division <a href="#">CyberSecurity Malaysia</a>
09:30	<b>Safeguarding the Missing Layer: Human Risk</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>John Taylor</b> Field CTO – APAC <a href="#">Mimecast</a>
09:55	<b>Executive Panel</b> <b>CISOs at a Crossroads: From Firefighter to Forward Strategist</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the Cyber Security Act 2024 and Malaysia's national push for digital resilience, the CISO role is evolving from technical enforcer to strategic business leader</li> <li>• Boards and regulators increasingly expect CISOs to articulate risk, trust, and resilience in business terms—beyond compliance</li> <li>• Balancing real-time threat response with long-term transformation, regulatory alignment, and enterprise value creation</li> </ul> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Vikneswaran Kunasegaran</b> SVP – Security Assessments <a href="#">Firmus</a>

	<p><u>Panellists:</u>  <b>Amir Abdul Samad</b> Head, Cyber Security (CISO) <b>PETRONAS</b>  <b>Ts. Dr. Prasad Jayabalan</b> Head of Cybersecurity Strategy &amp; Architecture <b>Axiata</b>  <b>Norman Leong</b> Head of Cybersecurity Governance, Risk, and Assurance <b>AirAsia</b></p>	
10:25	<p><b>Stay Ready So You Don't Need to Get Ready</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Dominic Cheah</b> Director of Technical Solutions Engineering, ASEAN <b>Tanium</b></p>	
10:50	<b>Coffee and Connect</b>	
11:20	<p><b>Technical Panel</b>  <b>Secure by Design: Building Resilient, Digital-Native Security Architectures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key principles for architecting secure, scalable environments across cloud, hybrid, and edge</li> <li>• How to embed resilience and agility without compromising speed or user experience</li> <li>• Real-world approaches to modernising legacy infrastructure while preparing for future threats</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Abdul Hakim Razip</b> Chief Risk Officer <b>Generali Insurance</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u>  <b>Ts. Dr. Prasad Jayabalan</b> Head of Cybersecurity Strategy &amp; Architecture <b>Axiata</b>  <b>Norsyahrim Abdul Tahar</b> Head of Group Information Technology <b>Alliance Bank</b>  <b>Chris Farrelly</b> Vice President – APAC <b>Concentric AI</b></p>	
11:50	<p><b>Unified Cyber Resilience for AI</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Gareth Russell</b> Field Chief Technology Officer, Security for Asia Pacific (APAC) <b>Commvault</b></p>	
12:15	<p><b>Bridging IT and OT: Securing Critical Infrastructure in a Connected World</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Edd Barber</b> CISO <b>WEL Networks</b></p>	
12:40	<p><b>Data Security: The Missing Context</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Chris Farrelly</b> Vice President – APAC <b>Concentric AI</b></p>	
13:05	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	
	<b>Track A Strategy</b>	<b>Track B Architecture</b>
14:05	<p><b>AI-Powered Cyber security as Innovations Enabler</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Ebenezer Godomon</b> Deputy Director II (Cyber Security) <b>Sabah State Computer Services Department</b></p>	<p><b>From Scammers to Syndicates: The Rise of Commercialized Fraud in Southeast Asia</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Niki Luhur</b> Founder &amp; Group CEO <b>Vida Digital Identity</b></p>
14:30	<p><b>Navigating Malaysia's NCCP: Securing the AI-Driven Identity Frontier</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Kenneth Devan</b> Country Manager, Malaysia <b>Okta</b></p>	<p><b>The Art of the Socially Engineered Attack</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Rahim Malek</b> Enterprise Sales Engineer <b>Abnormal AI</b></p>

14:55	<b>Changing the DNA: Leading Culture Shifts in Cyber Security</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Ts. Saiful Bakhtiar Osman</b> Head of IT <b>PNB Commercial</b>	<b>Architecting Compliance: Embedding GRC into Security Architecture</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Ridzwan Mahdi</b> CA ANZ, CISA, CISSP - GRC Professional <b>Major Telco</b>
15:20	<b>The Ghost in the Machine: Shedding Light on Hidden AI Risks with Tenable</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Wing Churn Leong</b> Senior Security Engineer <b>Tenable</b>	<b>Building a Continuous AI Security Control Loop</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>James Lee</b> Senior Solutions Architect, Asia Pacific, China & Japan <b>F5</b>
15:45	<b>Fireside Chat</b> <b>When Downtime Becomes a Cyber Weapon: Securing Critical Infrastructure in a Connected Era</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the unique cyber risk profile of critical infrastructure – why IT/OT convergence, legacy systems, and national dependency make these environments high-impact targets</li> <li>Building operational resilience where safety, uptime, and security intersect – rethinking incident response, recovery, and decision-making when cyber incidents can disrupt essential services</li> <li>Strengthening ecosystem collaboration – how operators, regulators, and technology partners can work together to uplift resilience across Malaysia's critical infrastructure landscape</li> </ul> Speakers <b>Edd Barber</b> CISO <b>WEL Networks</b> <b>Dr Peter Leong</b> Director <b>MyCIO Services</b>	<b>Fireside Chat</b> <b>Zero Trust in Action: From Strategy to Real-World Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How leading organisations are implementing Zero Trust across hybrid and multi-cloud environments</li> <li>Breaking down real-world playbooks: identity, segmentation, continuous verification</li> <li>Overcoming resistance, complexity, and legacy system limitations on the path to Zero Trust</li> </ul> Speakers <b>Hanapi Bisri</b> Head of Group ICT <b>Petra Energy</b> <b>Dr Manmeet Mahinderjit Singh</b> Associate Professor <b>Universiti Sains Malaysia</b>
16:10	<b>Secure, Comply, Accelerate: Operationalising Adaptive Cybersecurity in the Era of AI</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Kunal Jha</b> Regional Sales Director <b>Netskope</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: Cloud Security in the Age of Digital Warfare</b>  Exploring how cyberwarfare-style threats are reshaping cloud security, and what CISOs must do to build resilient, threat-informed cloud environments using CSA-aligned frameworks.  <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mohammed Hashim</b> Security Architect <b>Cloud Security Alliance Malaysia Chapter</b>  <u>Panellists:</u> <b>Ts. Mohamed Kheirulnaim bin Mohamed Danial</b> Cybersecurity Practitioner <b>CSA Selangor Chapter</b> <b>Dr. Noor Zaman</b> Professor and Director for Research Centre <b>Taylor's University</b> <b>Yusmadi Yusoff</b> Senior Partner <b>Fahda Nur &amp; Yusmadi</b>
16:35	<b>Teh Tarik and Networking</b>	
17:05	<b>Closing Panel</b> <b>Mapping Threats in 2026: From Ransomware to AI-Chaos</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anticipating the next generation of ransomware, APTs, and AI-powered attacks</li> <li>• Understanding how geopolitical shifts and AI misuse could destabilise security ecosystems</li> <li>• Rethinking playbooks, tooling, and collaboration for the threat landscape of tomorrow</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Dr Manmeet Mahinderjit Singh</b> Associate Professor <a href="#">Universiti Sains Malaysia</a></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u>  <b>Ebenezer Godomon</b> Deputy Director II (Cyber Security) <a href="#">Sabah State Computer Services Department</a>  <b>Mohammed Hashim</b> Security Architect <a href="#">Cloud Security Alliance Malaysia Chapter</a></p>
17:35	<b>Chair's Closing Remarks</b>  <b>Dr Manmeet Mahinderjit Singh</b> Associate Professor <a href="#">Universiti Sains Malaysia</a>
17:40	<b>Cheers with Peers: Mocktails and Mingle</b>
18:30	<b>Close of CISO Malaysia 2026</b>