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AND DESIGN**

Minister for Education Mr Ong Ye Kung

Permanent Secretary (Defence) Mr Chan Yeng Kit

Distinguished guests and participants of the Cyber Defenders Discovery Camp
2018

Good afternoon.

I would like to thank Mr Ong Ye Kung for gracing the Award Ceremony of the CDDC 2018. As many of you would have known by now, this event is organised by the Defence Science and Technology Agency and supported by the Defence Cyber Organisation of the Ministry of Defence and the Cyber Security Agency.

I would like to say a few “thank you” to the people who make CDDC 2018 possible. First, the many people who worked hard behind the scene to organise the event. Second, the strong support of our industry partners, like NCS and ST Engineering for example. Most importantly, the participants, and the support of the participating institutions and schools because you are the reason that CDDC is successful. So, a big Thank You to all of you.

Today, two hundred students from our schools, polytechnics and universities, as well as seven overseas teams competed to be the best Cyber Defenders through a series of cyber challenges and defending their systems.

To our overseas friends, you have come a long way to Singapore and your presence has raised the standard of the competition. It also signifies the importance of learning and collaborating with friends to defend the common cyberspace. I hope that you have made new friends. And please spend time to see our beautiful country and try our local food, especially durians.

To our local students, you have made it to today's competition after coming through a qualifying round of 500 participants. So, regardless of where your team stands, you have done well.

I am heartened that the standard of competition was very high. All of you kept up a high level of energy throughout the competition, racing against the clock and each other to complete as many challenges as possible until the end. Our young students succeeded in discovering many vulnerabilities, and one team even managed to go all the way to take over the drone.

And this is what we hope to achieve with the CDDC – to nurture and further your interest in the exciting world of cybersecurity. Trust me, you will not regret pursuing a career in cybersecurity.

So, I look forward to meeting you as fellow cyber defenders in the future.

Thank you.