Singapore and Australia today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on strengthening cybersecurity cooperation as part of the 2nd Singapore-Australia Leaders' Summit.

The MOU was signed by Mr David Koh, Chief Executive, Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), and Dr. Tobias Feakin, Ambassador for Cyber Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The signing ceremony was held at the Istana and witnessed by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull of Australia.

The agreement covers cybersecurity cooperation in key areas including regular information exchanges on cybersecurity incidents and threats, sharing of best practices to promote innovation in cybersecurity, training in cybersecurity skillsets, joint cybersecurity exercises with a focus on the protection of Critical Information Infrastructure as well as collaboration on regional cyber capacity building and confidence building measures. Both parties also committed to promote voluntary norms of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace. As a first step, both parties will organise an ASEAN cyber-risk reduction workshop at the end of 2017.

Mr Koh said, “Singapore and Australia share close bilateral relations and both countries have a shared vision that cybersecurity is an enabler which supports innovation, economic growth and social development. This MOU shows our commitment to work together to build a secure and resilient cyberspace that will contribute to the progress of both countries.”
This is the sixth bilateral MOU entered into by CSA, following cybersecurity MOUs signed with France, India, the Netherlands, UK, and the United States. The initial MOU will last for two years.

About Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

Established on 1 April 2015, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) provides dedicated and centralised oversight of national cybersecurity functions, and works with sector leads to protect Singapore’s critical services. It also engages with various industries and stakeholders to heighten cybersecurity awareness as well as to ensure the holistic development of Singapore’s cyber security landscape. The Agency was established under the Prime Minister’s Office and is managed by the Ministry of Communications and Information. Information on CSA is available at www.csa.gov.sg.