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Actions Accelerated to Connect Critical Government Institutions to the NCSOC

In line with the directives of Anura Kumara Dissanayake, His Excellency the President, a special meeting was held at the Presidential Secretariat to expedite the implementation of the Cabinet decision to connect Critical Government Institutions to the National Cyber Security Operations Centre (NCSOC).

The meeting was led by Deputy Minister of Digital Economy, Eng. Eranga Weeraratna, and Secretary to the Ministry of Digital Economy, Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala. Senior officials of Sri Lanka CERT conducted a comprehensive demonstration of the capabilities of the NCSOC, including the functions of the newly established Malware Analysis and Threat Hunting (MATH) Lab.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of strengthening cyber security awareness and implementing structured digital security training programmes for public sector officials. As Sri Lanka advances toward a digital economy, cyber resilience was recognized as an essential pillar of governance and public service delivery.

Director General of Pensions, Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi, Director IT of the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. G.V.D. Priyantha and Mr. Aravinda Rathnayake, Senior Engineer of ICTA, shared their experiences in connecting their respective institutions to the National SOC.

At the session, Chairman of Sri Lanka CERT, Mr. Thilak Pathirage; Acting Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka CERT, Dr. Kanishka Karunasena; Mr. Mahinda Kandapahala, Chief Information Security Officer (NCSOC) of Sri Lanka CERT; Mr. Senalike Dewalawaththa, Head of the MATH Lab; and Mr. Pathum Bandara and Mr. Vimuthki Perera of NCSOC delivered presentations.

Waruna Sri Dhanapala Appointed Digital Economy Ministry Secretary

Waruna Sri Dhanapala has been appointed Secretary to the Ministry of Digital Economy by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in February.

The letter of appointment was handed over at the Presidential Secretariat by Secretary to the President Dr. Nandika Sanath Kumanyake.

Mr. Dhanapala, a Special Grade officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, had been serving as Acting Secretary to the Ministry of Digital Economy prior to his formal appointment.



A warning from major banks

Fraudsters are trying to obtain your personal information through overseas job offers, prizes, lottery wins or social media messages. The banks urge public to always read the transaction details in the SMS message before entering the OTP number.

The OTP number is never required to credit money to your account. If you access your accounts online, always ensure that you access your account only through the bank's official website.

National Cyber Security Operations Center

The National Cyber Security Operations Center (NCSOC) of Sri Lanka CERT | CC serves as Sri Lanka's central hub for safeguarding the nation's critical digital infrastructure. Operating 24x7, the NCSOC delivers continuous threat monitoring, cyber threat intelligence, incident detection, and rapid cyber response to protect Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) organizations and key government sectors.

Equipped with advanced security technologies such as SIEM, EDR, FIM, and WAF, the Center enables proactive threat detection, security event correlation, and coordinated incident response against evolving cyber threats. The NCSOC also produces and disseminates cyber threat intelligence, providing actionable insights, early warnings, and threat advisories to help organizations anticipate, prevent, and mitigate cyber risks.

Backed by a team of certified cybersecurity professionals and years of operational expertise, the NCSOC plays a vital role in strengthening national cyber resilience and maintaining trust in Sri Lanka's digital ecosystem.

As a government-led initiative under Sri Lanka CERT | CC, the NCSOC upholds the highest ethical, legal, and regulatory standards in all cyber operations, ensuring the protection of national systems, data, and strategic interests.

Be Careful When Uploading Videos of Your Sexual Activities Online

You should be careful when uploading videos of your sexual activities online because they can harm you even after several decades. The following story is a good example.

A woman wanted to seek support to remove a video of her sexual activities from online.

The video included a scene of her having sex with her first husband. It had been uploaded online exactly 20 years ago by her husband then with her consent. Due to her young age and lack of experience, she did not object to uploading the video online.



A few years later, she had divorced from her marriage and was also able to gain the custody of children from her first husband.

After learning that she had remarried, her first husband re-shared the video online again. As soon as she found it online, she wanted to remove the video from online platforms before her two children, who are now grown up, could be seen.

But by then, the potential damage had already been done. It was revealed that the video had been shared on about eighty websites. Sri Lanka CERT advises the public to be very careful not to share, not only your sexual activity content, but also any sensitive personal information online.

Cybersecurity Training for 200 Police Officers

Sri Lanka CERT recently organized special workshops on cybersecurity for nearly 200 officers of the Sri Lanka Police Service in the Central Province.

Sri Lanka CERT and Sri Lanka Police will jointly conduct these training workshops for all the Police officials in the Island. These workshops were organized by the Information Technology Division of the Sri Lanka Police under the supervision of Inspector General of Police Priyantha Weerasooriya.

Police officers representing the Kandy, Gampola, Matale, and Theldeniya Police Divisions in the Central Province participated in the training.

The workshops were held under the patronage of the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of the Central Province. Sessions were conducted by Thilina Dissanayake, Cybersecurity Training Manager of Sri Lanka CERT, and Shehan Sanjula, Information Security Engineer.

