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UM Cyber Skill Level-Up 2025

The UM Cyber Skill Level-Up 2025

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Universiti Malaya (UM) recently hosted its pioneering cybersecurity event, the UM Cyber Skill Level-Up 2025 (CSLU), on November 15th. Organized by Persatuan Komputer Universiti Malaya (PEKOM) and in collaboration with RE: HACK, this innovative initiative is trying to address critical gaps in the current landscape of cybersecurity skills at the local level

The one-day event, held at the Cube, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FCSIT), was a resounding success, bringing together students, professionals, and experts. It kicked off with an opening ceremony graced by the director of the UM CSLU 2025, Mr. Lee Jia Quan.

At the heart of UM CSLU 2025 were the thrilling three workshops:

- Introduction to Reverse Engineering by Ariff Ridzlan, Final-year Computer Science Student (Artificial Intelligence)
- AI Security by Noor Aliah Syarifah, Information Security and Assurance Student
- Sound of Silence: Art of Threat Hunt by Ahmad Affan Najiy, Associate Security Consultant at FIRMUS.

The Director of UM Cyber Skill Level-Up 2025 gave a speech at the opening ceremony

36 participants followed the speakers' steps in exploring the field of cybersecurity. Participants were allowed to deepen their cybersecurity knowledge through the theory shared and the hands-on labs provided.

Sound of Silence: Art of Threat Hunt by Ahmad Affan Najiy

Participants engaged with the theory shared by the speakers and completed the hands-on labs .

These workshops provided invaluable hands-on experience and real-world insights directly from industry practitioners. UM CSLU 2025 also served as a crucial networking platform, connecting students with industry leaders and opening doors to future career opportunities.

Participants engaged with the speaker of the AI Security workshop, Ms. Noor Aliah Syafirah.

The success of UM CSLU 2025 was a collaborative effort, thanks to the immense support from our collaborator, RE: HACK, academic advisors, technical staff, and generous sponsors, including SysArmy, Seek Asia, Netwitz, and Vida. The Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology (FCSIT) also provided significant technical and monetary support.

The UM Cyber Skill Level-Up 2025 has truly set a high standard, laying a strong foundation for cultivating cybersecurity excellence at Universiti Malaya and beyond. We look forward to seeing the continued growth of cybersecurity initiatives fueled by this landmark event!

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