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Ministry of E-Governance Hosts International Conference on Cybersecurity and AI

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The Ministry of E-Governance, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize, the U.S. Embassy in Belize, and the Central Information Technology Office, held an international conference in Belize City titled “Cybersecurity in the Age of AI” under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). The event aimed to spark discussion on Belize’s capacity to prevent, protect against, and recover from cybersecurity threats using both conventional and AI-enhanced tools.

Twelve cybersecurity experts from Taiwan, the United States, and Belize gathered to examine cyber affairs within the local environment and discuss how AI has impacted the field as a double-edged sword. The conference brought together more than 100 participants representing the national cybersecurity ecosystem in Belize, spanning government ministries, regulatory agencies, academia, and private sector partners. Sessions addressed the current threat landscape, strengthening cyber defences, safeguarding critical infrastructure, recovering from cyber incidents, and enhancing Belize’s capacity-building efforts.

In his opening address, Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State for Economic Transformation, stressed that digitalized government services improve efficiency and access, while emphasizing the need for stronger cybersecurity measures against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. H.E. Amino C.Y. Chi, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize, underscored Taiwan’s experience in cybersecurity and the importance of international cooperation and knowledge sharing. Ms. Katherine Beamer, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the United States in Belize, emphasized the United States’ focus on practical cybersecurity solutions and its role in supporting regional stability.

Consecutive solutions that emerged from the discussions included establishing cyber threat intelligence sharing among Belize's critical infrastructure institutions, increasing public cybersecurity awareness through simplified messaging, integrating IT and cybersecurity education into primary and secondary schools, and promoting cyber hygiene and digital rights to help Belizeans advocate for stronger digital protections from both government and private institutions.

This event forms part of the Ministry of E-Governance's broader engagement with public and private sector partners for cybersecurity efforts in Belize.

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