



Press Release

Ministry of E-Governance Conference: Cybersecurity in the Age of 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 Central Information Technology Office held an international conference titled “Cybersecurity in the Age of AI” under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework in Belize City. The event aimed to spark discussion on Belize’s capacity to prevent, protect and recover from cybersecurity threats with conventional and AI-enhanced tools.

Twelve cybersecurity experts from Taiwan, U.S. and Belize gathered to contextualize cyber affairs within the local environment and how AI has changed impacted the field as a double-edged sword to an audience of more than 100 participants representing the national cybersecurity ecosystem in Belize spanning government ministries, regulatory agencies, academia and private sector partners. Sessions were held on 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, Minister of State for Economic Transformation, Dr. Osmond Martinez stressed that digitalized government services improve efficiency and access, while emphasizing the need for stronger cybersecurity measures against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize Amino Chi underscored Taiwan’s experience in cybersecurity and the importance of international cooperation and knowledge sharing. U.S. Embassy in Belize Chargé d’Affaires Katherine Beamer emphasized the United States’ focus on practical cybersecurity solutions and its role in supporting regional stability.

The first GCTF event in Belize facilitated exchanges between local and Taiwan, and U.S. experts. Consecutive solutions that emerged included establishing cyber threat intelligence sharing among Belize’s critical infrastructure institutions, increasing public cybersecurity awareness through simpler 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 is part of a broader engagement with public and private sector partners for cybersecurity efforts by the Ministry of E-Governance.

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