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**ACASIA and Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity Establish Strategic Partnership**

*Providing highly secured cybersecurity network throughout ASEAN*

ACASIA, an integrated communications provider within the ASEAN region entered into a partnership with a certified and award-winning cybersecurity solution provider, Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity, which will enable ACASIA to offer highly secured encryption capabilities through ASEAN Regional Connectivity Plus (aRC+).

The signing ceremony was witnessed by YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence Malaysia. Also present were Alan Seah, Managing Director of Rohde & Schwarz Malaysia; Dr. Thomas Nicolay, Director Sales Mil/Gov of Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity, and Azmal Yahya, Chief Executive Officer ACASIA.

“Through this partnership, ACASIA’s ASEAN Regional Connectivity (aRC) has been further enhanced with encryption tools provided by Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity, leading to the formation of aRC+ and we hope that our customers in the region will be able to experience secured end-to-end solution as a result of this collaboration,” said Azmal. Ammar Alkassar, CEO Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity GmbH, added “As a trusted European provider of first-class, high-tech solutions we are proud to collaborate with by ACASIA to develop solutions that provide users with a high degree of security and reliability,”

aRC+ is an enhancement of ASEAN Regional Connectivity (aRC) offering secured solution package on voice and data communication services over ACASIA’s MPLS network utilising Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity’s network security architecture and elements.

ACASIA is a collaboration between seven (7) major ASEAN telecommunications companies that committed in assisting ASEAN in its goal of becoming an integrated ASEAN community alongside a more dynamic and competitive region by capitalising the use of information and communications technology (ICT). ACASIA firmly believes that through ICT, ASEAN will be able to accelerate its vision of becoming a region with single market and production base characteristic. The seven (7) partners namely - Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT) from Thailand, Indosat Ooredoo from Indonesia, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) from the Philippines, Singtel Group (SINGTEL) from Singapore, Telekom Brunei Berhad (TELBRU) from Brunei, Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TM) from Malaysia and Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group (VNPT) from Vietnam. ACASIA pledged five initiatives to facilitate ASEAN’s ICT Masterplan 2015 – the ASEAN Command Centre (aCC), ASEAN Regional Connectivity (aRC), ASEAN Broadcast Hub (aBH), ASEAN Internet Exchange (aIX) and ASEAN Market Place (aMP).

Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity offers a wide range of technologically leading solutions for information and network security. Highly secure encryption solutions, next-generation firewalls and software for network analysis and endpoint security protect enterprises and public

institutions worldwide against espionage and cyberattacks.

To know more about ACASIA and its initiatives, visit [www.acasia.net](http://www.acasia.net). For more information on Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity go to [cybersecurity.rohde-schwarz.com](http://cybersecurity.rohde-schwarz.com).

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## **About ACASIA**

Incorporated in 1995 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ACASIA Communications Sdn Bhd is a unique ASEAN collaboration among 7 leading telecommunications provider in the region, and they are TM from Malaysia, CAT from Thailand, Indosat from Indonesia, PLDT from the Philippines, Singtel from Singapore, Telbru from Brunei and VNPT from Vietnam.

In the spirit of One ASEAN One Service, ACASIA is fully equipped to serve multitude of verticals within ASEAN ranging from small medium enterprises (SMEs), multinationals, broadcasters, telcos, financial institutions, education sectors and government agencies via our seamless connectivity services and revolutionary ICT solutions.

Made by the people of ASEAN, ACASIA fully understand the ASEAN business landscape and strives to take your business to the next level. We aim to improve the quality of life of ASEAN communities by connecting ASEAN through information and communications technologies.

## **About Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity**

Rohde & Schwarz Cybersecurity is an IT security company that protects companies and public institutions around the world against espionage and cyberattacks. The company develops and produces technologically leading solutions for information and network security, including highly secure encryption solutions, next generation firewalls and software for network analysis and endpoint security. The multiple award-winning "made in Germany" IT security solutions range from compact, all-in-one products to customized solutions for critical infrastructures. The trusted IT solutions are developed based on the new security-by-design approach for preventing cyberattacks proactively instead of reactively. Around 400 employees work at the current locations in Berlin, Bochum, Darmstadt, Hamburg, Leipzig, Munich and Saarbrücken.

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