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Cybersecurity experts urged to collaborate with the authorities

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P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called on cybersecurity experts to work with the authorities to enhance national resilience, as Malaysia faces evolving digital threats.

During this year's first National Cyber Security Committee meeting in Putrajaya yesterday, Anwar reaffirmed his confidence in the

country's security capabilities.

The prime minister's senior press secretary Tunku Nashrul Abaidah said the meeting also discussed the state of national cybersecurity, which shows a declining trend in cybersecurity incidents between 2023 and 2024.

"The dynamics of cyber threats are highly complex, in line with the increasing reliance on various aspects of digital life, necessitating a comprehensive cybersecurity ecosystem and infrastructure.

"The government, private sector and the public each have a role to play in ensuring Malaysia remains resilient in facing cybersecurity challenges.

"Therefore, the government urges local cybersecurity experts to work with authorities to en-

hance the cybersecurity ecosystem more comprehensively, leveraging homegrown expertise," Tunku Nashrul said during the daily Prime Minister's Office press briefing.

He said the meeting also focused on the implementation of the Cyber Security Act 2024, with enforcement efforts bolstered by the appointment of additional heads of National Critical Information Infrastructure sectors and cybersecurity experts.

"Additionally, the meeting approved the organisation of an Asean-level Cyber Games and conference in May, a joint initiative by the National Cyber Security Agency, the Council of Europe and Interpol (International Criminal Police Organisation), aimed at addressing cyber-crime."