

MCA says IT Bill will create unemployment
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 13 — The MCA's young professionals bureau said today the proposed law to regulate the computing industry will cause unemployment as those not certified under the Bill will be unable to secure jobs.

The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (MOSTI) has said that certification as computing professionals under a board proposed under the Computing Professionals Bill would only be required for Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII) projects.

"But if my company is involved in a CNII project, but there is a very good guy who can help but is not certified, then I can't hire him," bureau chief Datuk Chua Tee Yong (picture) told reporters today.

He also said the definition of CNII was very vague, making employers even more uncertain when hiring IT workers.

The deputy minister of agriculture and agro-based industry added the current draft of the Bill does not state clearly "why or why not" someone will be certified nor how a rejected applicant can appeal.

A panel of experts who worked on the draft of the Bill for over 2½ years said today the Bill was proposed to raise the local industry to international standards.

But they told members of the IT industry at the ministry's open day today that they were still working on a clear definition of the CNII with the definition used by the government's cyber security agency being one of the templates.

Cyber Security Malaysia defines CNII as systems and functions that are vital to the nation that their incapacity or destruction would have a devastating impact on national economic strength, image, defence, public health and safety and the government's ability to function.

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