

IRIS Plans To Fortify Global Presence In Trusted ID Sector

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- IRIS Corp Bhd, the inventor of the global e-Passport and Malaysian smart card identification document MyKad, plans to fortify its global presence and boost its reputation as an innovative Malaysian company.

Its Chief Executive Officer for the trusted identification division, Datuk Hamdan Mohd Hassan, said many people are not aware that IRIS is the inventor of the e-Passport and MyKad.

"IRIS, which is in the trusted identification document business in 27 countries, has been in the frontline for multi-application smartcards and many Malaysians don't realise themselves that we are even the inventor of the auto-gate at the airport," he told Bernama recently.

He said IRIS realised that not many companies in the world are involved in this business and this adds to its competitive advantage.

"The IRIS Trusted ID system is safe and it has certifications from Cyber Securities Malaysia, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) which comply with world standards," he said.

IRIS ensures that security is observed by obtaining internationally acceptable certifications, he said, saying the company not only produces the chips for the identification documents, but also for bank cards, debit cards and credit cards.

"We are the inventor of a 10-year-old technology multi-application smartcard, and now we want to propose to the Malaysian government a new version of a hybrid card which is enhanced technologically and more durable," he said.

The new double chip-based card will have an external chip coupled with another chip embedded within which is more agile, he said.

The current MyKad, he said, tends to bend if mishandled, could rust if placed in a damp environment and is unusable if there is some magnetic interference.

IRIS Corp is a global solutions provider with core expertise in trusted identity, secure payments, financial services, transportation, waste management, renewable energy, building solutions, food security, agriculture and sustainable development.

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