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## **Press release**

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## **PwC Vietnam's HackaDay 2017: Cyber security competition for university students**

**Hanoi, 9 September 2017** – Today, PwC Vietnam has successfully organised a cyber security competition for undergraduate students titled 'HackaDay 2017'. The contest drew 25 teams who competed in PwC's offices in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, and a guest team joining online from Malaysia.

The event also saw the attendance of representatives from the Vietnam Information Security Association (VNISA), the Information Technology Department under the State Bank of Vietnam, and the Vietnam Computer Emergency Response Team (VNCERT) .

With an aim to raise cyber security awareness among Vietnamese youth and nurture young talents in information technology, PwC Vietnam is proud to be the first South East Asian member of the global PwC network to bring this competition to the local youngsters.

HackaDay 2017 took the contestants through several challenges, such as reverse engineering, software vulnerability exploitation, and hacking web services and programm logic like SQL injection, XSS, Session Hijacking, etc. With the highest score and the earliest completion time, the 'LOs3r' team consisting of Phan Thanh Duy, Pham Hong Phi and Bui Minh Tien Dat from the University of Information Technology - Vietnam National University in HCMC became the final winner and received a three-month internship at PwC Vietnam plus a cash prize.

Robert Trong Tran, Cyber Security and Privacy Leader at PwC Vietnam said:

“We hope that the competition has helped to connect different IT talents in Vietnam and proved to be a meaningful, exciting and memorable experience for all the students.”

“Cyber security is one of the biggest challenges of our times. We believe that it is essential to play a part in helping young people gain the necessary knowledge and skills to deal with the rapid changes of the tech world. This is because they will be the main forces driving the evolution of cyber security awareness and capabilities in the whole society,” he emphasised.

With a presence in 157 countries and operations in Vietnam since 1994, PwC is one of the four biggest networks of audit and professional services in the world (commonly referred to as the 'Big Four'). Among the Big Four, PwC is a pioneer in providing cyber security and privacy services in Vietnam. Through HackaDay 2017, PwC Vietnam's wish is to create a proper playground and learning environment for university students, while helping to grow young talents for the technology and cyber security fields./.



## **Note to editors:**

### **More about HackaDay 2017:**

#### **1. Distinguished guests in Hanoi:**

- Ms. Dinh Thi Quynh Van – General Director of PwC Vietnam
- Mr. Vu Quoc Thanh – Deputy Chairman and General Secretary of Vietnam Information Security Association (VNISA)
- Mr. Nguyen Quang Hung – Deputy Director of Information Technology Department – State Bank of Vietnam
- Ms. Nguyen Kim Phuong – Member of Executive Committee, VNISA

#### **2. Distinguished guests in HCMC:**

- Mr. Robert Trong Tran – Director of Cyber Security and Privacy Services at PwC Vietnam
- Mr. Nguyen Huu Nguyen – Deputy Head of HCMC Branch of Vietnam Computer Emergency Response Team (VNCERT)

3. 11 teams competed in Hanoi, with 14 teams competing in HCMC. Each team consisted of 2 to 3 members. All are students from leading technical universities such as:

- University of Information Technology - Vietnam National University in HCMC
- University of Science - Vietnam National University in HCMC
- University of Engineering and Technology – Vietnam National University in Hanoi
- Hanoi University of Science and Technology
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology - HUTECH
- FPT University
- Academy of Cryptography Techniques
- People's Security Academy
- Post and Telecommunication Institute of Technology

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