

NASSCOM-DSCI to embark on Indian Cyber Security Delegation to Netherlands and UK

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New Delhi, 11 April 2016: The first ever NASSCOM-DSCI Cyber Security delegation is set to visit the Hague Security Delta and Malvern Cyber Security Cluster, in Netherlands and UK respectively between 11- 15 April 2016. The delegation will be led by Dr. Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Government of India, will comprise of 39 representatives from the Central and State Government, Industry (Security Startups, SMBs & Large IT Services and Consulting), User organizations and Academia.

Setting up of cyber security clusters in India is an important recommendation of NASSCOM-DSCI Cyber Security Task Force (CSTF), which was set up in 2015 on the Honourable Prime Minister's exhortation, to give a fillip to the budding security entrepreneurship and to foster closer interaction between Govt., Industry and Academia on security industry development. The visit to two of the world's most active, innovative cyber security clusters, will offer a plethora of opportunities for initiating long-lasting collaborations between the regions, help in understanding the cluster ecosystem and implementing it in Indian cities, exploring avant-garde research, technologies and solutions in cyber security, and most importantly, establishing the Indian brand in global cyber security ecosystem. Equal focus would also be given to developing research capabilities and exploring academic collaboration. More delegation visits to other relevant regions are planned in near future.

While talking about the delegation, **Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Government of India**, said, "Knowledge, intelligence and experience sharing are core to our approach on cyber security. As an increasingly important issue, dealing with cyber security for businesses and the state requires global collaboration. We are looking to strengthen the collaboration with other nations on this important subject, as we align ourselves to secure Digital India revolution."

R Chandrashekhar, President, NASSCOM, said, "After Hon'ble PM Modi had asked NASSCOM to form a Task Force and chart out a Roadmap for building cyber security industry, we worked on learning the critical success factors for creating an ecosystem that would help achieve the vision of making India a cybersecurity hub. Lot of our member companies, especially startups, have developed niche capabilities in security space through products, integrated solutions and managed services. The exchange of ideas and knowledge facilitated by this delegation visit would add strength to our industry development and promotion charter."

Rajendra Pawar, Chairman, NASSCOM-DSCI Cyber Security Task Force, said "Setting up multiple cyber security clusters is one of the prime recommendations to achieve CSTF vision. The success of The Hague Security Delta and Malvern Security Cluster garnered great interest from CSTF members, and it was imperative that we build a deeper engagement. Global learnings will help us chart out our roadmap in a better fashion. We intend to take more such delegations in near future"

Acknowledging the delegation's engagement potential, **Nandkumar Saravade, CEO, DSCI**, said, "DSCI has been hosting international security delegations for long. It was about time that we led an Indian delegation. Learning from successful global models and countries is a matter of great opportunity in catalysing the growth of the cyber security product ecosystem, that fosters entrepreneurship in security domain. This initiative will pave the way for organisations in exploring and forging alliances,

in studying the ecosystem for research and productization, learnings about the cutting edge technologies, and on top in developing synergies between stakeholders. We are overwhelmed with tremendous response to this initiative. We are thankful to both the countries for agreeing to host the Indian delegation”

The Hague Security Delta (HSD) is the largest security cluster in Europe. In this Dutch cluster –with important regional hubs in The Hague, Twente, and Brabant– businesses, governments, and knowledge institutions work together on innovations and knowledge in the field of cyber security, national and urban security, protection of critical infrastructure, and forensics. The Malvern Cyber Security Cluster was founded in September 2011 and is run by Key IQ Ltd (Key IQ is a business and technology catalyst, helping businesses to grow and succeed. They run facilities, networks and events to foster creativity and promote entrepreneurship.

Registration, and other details on the delegation: <http://bit.ly/CSDeleg>

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