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70,000 cyber threats a day

A BIG CHALLENGE:
Keeping children safe is important

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MORE than 70,000 new cyber threats are discovered daily and these information technology security breaches are a threat to children.

The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, said this meant that there were more than 25.5 million threats annually faced by children globally.

"Children as young as 6 or 7 post all sorts of photographs and personal information on their Facebook accounts.

"While this is done with the innocence of a child with the intent of making friends, such information can be easily abused and used by predators to horrifying ends," said Rosmah at the opening of the In-



The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, listening to a briefing by Infowatch chief consultant Vadim Zdor during the Infosecurity World Exhibition and Conference 2012 at the PWTC in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Salhani Ibrahim

foresecurity World Exhibition and Conference 2012 (ISWec).

She said recent cyber attacks, including those done by hacktivists (hacker activists) "Anonymous" and

"Lulzsec", have taken on a more serious and sinister turn.

"Security breaches today are done with malicious intent and as a full-scale assault on specific targets.

"These breaches are often well-planned, well-timed and well-targeted.

"Thus, it is important for the industry to develop and implement solutions collectively to secure information."

She urged the key information security players at the exhibition to look at new standards of security and not rely on the same methods for new problems.

The exhibition's project director, Jocelyn Ng, said the exhibition, which sees the presence of more than 160 brands, expects over 5,000 visitors.

"We have attracted visitors from Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Russia, Korea, India, Oman, The United Arab Emirates, the United States, France and the United Kingdom with strong intentions to buy," Ng said.

She added that estimates showed that about US\$100 million (RM307 million) in contracts would be transacted at the two-day exhibition.

The exhibition, themed "Forging New Businesses and Strategic Alliances", is being held at the Putra World Trade Centre and ends today.

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