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GSI/PR PROMOTES PARALLEL SEMINAR TO THE G20 ON SECURITY IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY - BRAZIL

Gov.br - The Brazilian presidency of the G20 is committed to promoting a debate on the digital economy, where the transformative potential of technology becomes a force for inclusive development. The G20 priorities in Brazil build on the successes of previous presidencies, with the aim of promoting an inclusive and human-centered approach that ensures visibility of the priorities of the Global South. Within the scope of the Digital Economy Working Group, Brazil has made digital government one of its main priorities. The objective is to understand how digital government policies and services can improve governments' relationships with citizens, enable high-quality public services and leverage the opportunities of the digital economy.

INTERNATIONAL CYBER DEFENSE INTERNSHIP TRAINS OFFICERS FROM FRIENDLY NATIONS - BRAZIL

Exército Brasileiro - The National Cyber Defense School conducted the VIII International Cyber Defense Internship for Officers from Friendly Nations. The objective is to train military personnel for operations in cyberspace and promote technical and doctrinal exchange between experts from different nations. The Internship took place at the Electronic Warfare Instruction Center between May 13th and 24th. The training covers several areas of cyber knowledge, such as forensic techniques, cryptography, studying vulnerabilities in the web environment and in various operating systems, in addition to the development of attack and cyber defense capabilities. In total, 15 officers completed the internship, from Brazil, Ecuador, the United States, Mexico, Mozambique, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal and the Dominican Republic.

DIGITAL MEXICO 2024-2030: DIGITAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM

DLP News - Mexico decided that Claudia Sheinbaum will be the next president of the country for 2024-2030. The DLP News editorial team brought together the greatest representatives of the Mexican and regional digital ecosystem to detail public policy recommendations that the next government should consider on topics such as institutional design, digital infrastructure, connectivity, spectrum, investments, innovation, digital rights, digital economy, electronic commerce, cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence. A new opportunity begins to build a digital society.

WITHOUT INAI, DIGITAL SECURITY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED, THEY WARN - MEXICO

El Norte - The commissioner of the National Institute of Transparency, Access to Information and Data Protection (INAI) Blanca Lilia Ibarra Cadena warned that digital security is not guaranteed due to the lack of a legal quorum in the plenary session of the institute. "No nation will be prosperous if it does not have digital security guaranteed, but neither will it be democratic if it does not have autonomous institutions with a social vocation that promote respect for its rights and freedoms," he stated. During his participation in the forum "Towards a diagnosis of Artificial Intelligence in Mexico: Ethical and responsible implementation", Ibarra Cadena explained the importance of the INAI to reduce the social risks that the emergence of new technologies, such as AI, may imply.

ICT MINISTER INVITES ASOBANCARIA TO WORK TOGETHER FOR CYBERSECURITY IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR - COLOMBIA

MINTIC - The ICT Minister, Mauricio Lizcano, shared the progress of the Colombia Potencia Digital strategy with those attending the 2024 Banking Convention. During the part of the panel 'The voice of innovation', Lizcano spoke about the challenges that the country faces in regarding cybersecurity, and how they are facing it, especially from the financial sector, which is why he called on Asobancaria to work jointly to strengthen that fight. He also spoke about the expansion of 5G networks and the opportunities this presents for the development of new products by the different economic sectors of Colombia.

MINTIC AND GOOGLE ANNOUNCE 10,000 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS TO DEVELOP DIGITAL SKILLS AND BOOST EMPLOYABILITY - COLOMBIA

MINTIC - The Ministry of Information and Communications Technologies (MinTIC) continues to open options to enhance digital education in the country. Today, in alliance with Google Colombia and the NGO Colnodo, they announced 10,000 new scholarships for the development of digital skills in areas of high labor demand, with an inclusive approach. Interested people will be able to access two virtual programs: the Google Career Certificate in Cybersecurity, and the new course on Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

CABEI APPROVES DONATION OF ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS FOR COSTA RICA

Teletica - The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) approved the donation of another million dollars to the government of Costa Rica. This was confirmed to the deputies tonight by the president of the multilateral organization, Gisela Sánchez. In a hearing before the special commission that investigates the contracts of the National Radio and Television System (Sinart), Sánchez confirmed that the approval of that second million occurred on May 7. He specified that, of that amount, \$200,000 will go to the "acquisition, installation, and start-up of cybersecurity equipment," while another \$725,000 will go to occupational health issues.

REASONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO ARCHIVE THE DIGITAL SECURITY PROJECT - ECUADOR

El Comercio - The Plenary Session of the Assembly was convened on the morning of this June 6, 2024 to hear and resolve regarding the report for the second debate of the draft Organic Law on Digital Security. The draft Organic Law on Digital Security was born from the ruling party, National Democratic Action (ADN). The project proposed regulations to address threats, risks and incidents in cyberspace or other digital environments through the National Security System and its subsystems. In addition, it created processes for the prevention, identification, mitigation, response and resilience against threats, risks and incidents in cyberspace or other digital environments.

ABA AND UNAPEC SIGN ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Acento - The Association of Multiple Banks of the Dominican Republic (ABA) and the APEC University (Unapec) signed an interinstitutional cooperation agreement with the purpose of carrying out academic activities aimed at the financial sector, members of the APEC educational community and other sectors. The president of the ABA, Rosanna Ruiz, and the rector of UNAPEC, Franklin Holguín Haché, highlighted the value of this institutional cooperation that will include teaching, research, training, dissemination of culture and extension of services in areas of mutual interest.

CENSORSHIP OBSERVATORIES AND USERS REPORT BLOCKING OF THE TELEGRAM APPLICATION IN EL SALVADOR

La Prensa Gráfica - Users on social networks, as well as citizen observatories of cybersecurity and censorship, reported this Saturday the fall of the Telegram messaging application in El Salvador, which has been used as a communication channel by a group that has claimed a good part of the recent cyber attacks suffered by state institutions. "I am from El Salvador and I also have problems with Telegram. Please report it," wrote an X user to another who consulted the application's official account if they have problems with their servers.

AMCHAM EL SALVADOR CALLS TO PREVENT CYBER ATTACKS WITH THESE MEASURES

E&N - The American Chamber of Commerce (Amcham) of El Salvador issued a statement calling on all its members - and companies in general - to take measures to prevent cyber attacks. "In response to the recent wave of cyberattacks targeting government infrastructure and supply chain providers... we want to share with you a series of essential preventative measures to protect your assets and ensure the continuity of your operations," the union indicates, in a communication.

PRIVATE BANKS JOIN TOGETHER TO COMBAT CYBERCRIME: ABPU JOINT CAMPAIGN - URUGUAY

El Observador - The main banks participating in ABPU launched a campaign to address one of the most pressing challenges in the digital world: cybercrime. With the growing threat of online scams and identity theft, financial institutions have come together to promote cybersecurity as a shared responsibility between users and banks. The task, conceived as a strategic collaboration between the country's leading banks, aims to raise awareness among the population about the importance of adopting safe online practices and being alert to possible cyber threats. ABPU CEO Barbara Mainzer emphasized the need for joint action in the fight against cybercrime: "Banks remain vigilant and employ various measures to protect users, but we need the active commitment of users themselves to mitigate the risks." risks".

POLICE DISCOVER TWO MORE CYBERCRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SANTA CRUZ - BOLIVIA

Abyayala - The Bolivian Police reported this Thursday that they detected two other criminal organizations that are dedicated to cyber scams and that operate from Santa Cruz, as confirmed by the entity's general commander, General Álvaro Álvarez. On Wednesday and after investigative operations, the first criminal organization that operated in a building on the second ring in the eastern capital, near Busch Avenue, fell. There are three criminal networks of digital scams. "Until yesterday we have detected two other criminal organizations that are dedicated to cyber scams, one of them was detected, identified by Police Cybercrime," reported Alvaro Alvarez.

DATA OF HONDURANS, FOR SALE ON CLANDESTINE WEBSITES

La Prensa - In the Honduran cyber scenario, security is compromised by a series of sophisticated and persistent threats. According to cybersecurity expert Danel Osorio, also known as Dano, the country has been the target of multiple national security attacks, ranging from ransomware (kidnapping) attacks to attempted theft of databases from government and corporate entities. These revelations denote the seriousness of the current cybersecurity situation in the Central American nation. "We have been victims of a lot of cases of national security attack vectors, not only ransomware attacks, the country has been under attack by different countries, company databases have been stolen, Army databases have been stolen National, they have even tried to hack police systems," said the expert, underlining the diversity and magnitude of the attacks that Honduras faces in cyberspace.

CARICOM IMPACTS TO HOST REGIONAL CYBER CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

St. Vincent Times - The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) will host regional Cyber Crisis Management Training from 6 – 7 June 2024, in Barbados. The training, which will be conducted by the Thales Group, seeks to provide regional cyber security practitioners, who are responsible for managing these types of incidents and crises in their respective organisations or agencies, with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively manage and mitigate these events' impact on national security, business continuity, and public trust.

NATO MUST NOT GO WOBBLY ON UKRAINE

Project Syndicate - June 6 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when the World War II Allies stormed the beaches of Normandy. As Western leaders commemorate the event that led to Europe's liberation from fascism, they ought to keep in mind that just five years earlier, the French socialist and future fascist politician Marcel Déat argued that French troops should not defend Poland against Nazi Germany. "Fighting alongside our Polish friends, for the common defense of our territories, our property, and our freedoms, is a prospect that we can courageously envisage, if it is to contribute to maintaining peace," he wrote in May 1939. "But to die for Danzig, no!"

3 WAYS MANUFACTURERS CAN BUILD A CULTURE OF CYBER RESILIENCE

WEF - The manufacturing sector, an essential element of the global economy, encompasses diverse industries such as consumer goods, electronics, automotive, energy and healthcare. Due to its global reach and impact, it plays a significant role in exports, innovation and productivity growth, fuelling economic development worldwide. The global spread of manufacturing production facilities creates complex supply chains in which producers are also often consumers. Manufacturing is also inherently intertwined with other sectors such as logistics, energy and information technology. And so, any disruption to the manufacturing process can cascade throughout many other sectors – and around the world.

OPTIMIZING OFFENSIVE CYBER OPERATION PLANNER'S DEVELOPMENT: EXPLORING TAILORED TRAINING PATHS AND FRAMEWORK EVOLUTION

Frontiers - This study aims to investigate Offensive Cyber Operations (OCO) planner development, focusing on addressing the need for tailored training paths and the continuous evolution of frameworks. As the complexity of global challenges and security threats grows, OCO planners play a pivotal role in operationalising and executing operations effectively. The research utilized a qualitative case study approach, combining literature reviews and interviews with OCO military professionals, to explore OCO planners' competencies and training frameworks at the operational level. Interviews emphasize the need for comprehensive training, trust, and standardized training pathways in OCO planning, with real-time exposure being the most effective approach for practical planning.