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Hitachi Systems Trusted Cyber Management Inc. Empowers Smart Africa's Cybersecurity Innovation Center with 30 High-Tech Laptops for Optimal Training in Abidjan!

Abidjan, April 14th, 2023 - Hitachi Systems Trusted Cyber Management Inc. ("Hitachi Systems TCM"), a global leader in cybersecurity and data privacy, was present at the inauguration of Smart Africa's cybersecurity innovation center, which took place on April 13th, 2023, at the African Higher School of Information and Communication Technologies (ESATIC) in Abidjan, Treichville.

"Hitachi Systems TCM through our company Hitachi Systems Security, is committed to providing its clients with the best cybersecurity solutions to protect their businesses by bringing to them over twenty years experience in cybersecurity and data protection. The provision of laptops and the training of the Cybersecurity analysts for the Smart Africa cybersecurity innovation center inauguration is a testament to our dedication to promoting cybersecurity in Africa." - Scott Wiebe the CEO of Hitachi Systems TCM (Hitachi Systems Security Inc. is a subsidiary of Hitachi Systems TCM").

Smart Africa, a pan-African organization created by African Heads of State in 2013, has a vision to transform the continent into a digital marketplace by 2030. The establishment of the cybersecurity innovation center aligns with the organization's objective to develop the skills needed to protect and defend Africa's cyberspace against threats related to disruption, deterioration of critical services and infrastructure.

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Hitachi Systems TCM provided initial training to cybersecurity analysts, and 30 laptops for the Smart Africa cybersecurity innovation center's inauguration, which will enhance the center's capacity to train students in optimal conditions. Professor Konaté Adama, the Director General of ESATIC, expressed his appreciation for the high-quality equipment, which will enable better training outcomes. "We're dedicated to helping Smart Africa build sovereign security operations centers and CERTs for African countries, for a safer digital ecosystem across the continent." - Yannick Berneron the CISO at Hitachi Systems TCM.

According to the general manager of the Smart Africa project (ACSIC), Lacina Koné, the establishment of the cybersecurity innovation center falls within the framework of the mandate of digitalization of the African continent as well as the training, especially of the skills of the youth, and for job creation in the field of digital technology environments.

The Smart Africa Project is currently supported by 37 heads of state, to build skills to safeguard Africa's cyberspace and transform the continent into a digital marketplace by 2030. "We believe in Africa's potential and remain committed to Smart Africa's transformational objective of building a safer digital future for the region." - Anthony Subero the CEO of Hitachi Systems Security and COO of Hitachi Systems TCM.

Digital Security Transformation and Digital Trust
Hitachi Systems TCM services will allow members of the Smart Africa Alliance to actively benefit from its cybersecurity management capacities, that will improve the efficiency and overall security of digital development and innovation within the region.

About Smart Africa

Smart Africa is an alliance of 32 African countries, international organisations and global private sector players tasked with Africa's digital agenda. The alliance is empowered by a bold and innovative commitment by African Heads of State to accelerate sustainable socio-economic development on the continent and usher Africa into the knowledge economy through affordable access to broadband and the use of ICTs. With a vision to create a single digital market in Africa by 2030, the Smart Africa Alliance brings together Heads of State who seek to accelerate the digitalization of the continent and create a common market. Launched in 2013 by seven (7) African Heads of State, the Alliance now has 32 member countries, representing over 815 million people and over 40 Private Sector members committed to the vision and the advancement of Africa.

About Hitachi Systems TCM

Hitachi Systems Trusted Cyber Management Inc. ("Hitachi Systems TCM") was founded on October 1st, 2022, bringing together the strengths and experience of two (2) of Hitachi Systems Limited subsidiaries:

1.   Hitachi Systems Security Inc. (Montreal, Canada) – A cybersecurity and data protection solutions provider.
2.   Cumulus Systems Limited (Pune, India) – An applications development company.

Hitachi Systems TCM, develops and provides pro-active security monitoring services which detect and report cyber risks before they become threats, pursue more sophisticated threat intelligence, and continue conventional security monitoring services which detect threats through the deployment of services from both of its subsidiaries. It also offers performance analytics tools for Data Storage and Managed Services Platforms.

For more details, please refer to https://hitachi-systems-tcm.com

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About Hitachi Systems Security
Hitachi Systems Security is based in Blainville, Quebec, Canada and specializes in cybersecurity and data privacy services, with over 20 years experience providing to over 40 countries. The organization became part of Hitachi Systems group company in 2015. With Security Operations Centers (SOCs) in Canada, India (Pune), Japan and Switzerland, the organization provides managed security services to monitoring security risks to customer systems as well as security consulting services including risk management, vulnerability management, data privacy and regulation services, serving clients primarily in the Caribbean, Europe, Japan, LATAM and North America.
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