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Hitachi Security Systems joins Smart Africa, spurring Africa's efforts to improve cybersecurity.

Hitachi Systems Trusted Cyber Management Security Inc. (Hitachi Systems TCM), a corporation providing cybersecurity services and privacy solutions across various industries, has joined Smart Africa, a pan-African alliance tasked with Africa's digital agenda. Hitachi joins the Alliance as a silver member, the latest in a group of more than 50 members from the private sector.

Hitachi's membership in Smart Africa follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at the Transform Africa Summit 2023, under which both parties engaged in activities such as: developing and promoting digital confidence services and solutions for Africa, designing, building, and deploying Cybersecurity operation centers, CERTs, and CIRTs to identify, detect and respond in case of a cyber-attack; defining, developing, and promoting Cybersecurity frameworks in Africa; and designing, building and deploying threat intelligence and cybercriminal intelligence capacities in Africa, among others.

Commenting on the latest member addition, Smart Africa's CEO, Mr. Lacina Koné said: "As we move to digitalize our economies, we must build cyberspace ready to withstand the threats and crimes already costing our continent an estimated $4 billion a year. The contribution of Hitachi will be vital to addressing this."

"Becoming a silver member of Smart Africa is a clear testament to our dedication in aiding Africa's efforts to establish digital trust and long-term cyber resilience, thereby fostering sustainable economic growth in the region," said Scott Wiebe, the CEO of Hitachi Systems TCM.

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"Our belief in Africa's potential is unwavering, and we are dedicated to contributing skills and resources for Smart Africa as we build and deliver a cybersecurity blueprint to address growing cyber threats in the African digital landscape. Our goal is to actively contribute to Smart Africa's transformative objective of building a secure digital future for Africa," said Anthony Subero, the President and CEO of Hitachi Systems Security and COO of Hitachi Systems TCM.

About Smart Africa

Smart Africa is an alliance of African countries, international organizations, 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 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 39 member countries, representing over 1 billion people and over 50 Private Sector members committed to Africa's vision and advancement.

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About HSTCM

Hitachi Systems Trusted Cyber Management Inc. ("Hitachi Systems TCM") was founded on October 1st, 2022, and acquired Hitachi Systems Security, a security service company in Canada.

Hitachi Systems TCM develops and provides proactive security monitoring services that detect and report cyber risks before they become threats, pursue more sophisticated threat intelligence, and continue conventional security monitoring services that detect threats through deploying services from both of its subsidiaries.

Hitachi Systems TCM business includes:

Managed security service business;

Security consulting business;

Sale of platform performance analysis tools and provision of analysis services;

Commissioned software development.

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

About Hitachi Systems Security

Hitachi Systems Security is based in Blainville, QC - Canada, and specializes in cybersecurity and data privacy services. 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 monitor 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, India, LATAM and North America.

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