Digicert to provide validation service

KUALA LUMPUR: Digicert Sdn Bhd, a home-grown certification authority (CA) providing trust solutions for e-businesses, is upbeat of its validation service which will be introduced in the first quarter of 2010, said its Chief Executive Officer Datuk Noor Azli Othman.

He said the validation service is a new product which will enable companies or organisations to verify the digital certificates obtained by companies issued by Digicert. Digicert is a smart partnership between POS Malaysia Bhd and MIMOS Bhd and provides certification management services such as screening people who apply for issuance and revocation of certificates, publication of certificates and delivery, storage and archiving.

" The end product is a digital certificate used by subscribers as a credential to provide virtual identity or other security-related functions," Noor Azli told Bernama after Digicert signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Universiti Kuala Lumpur here yesterday.

The MOU will facilitate cooperation between both parties in information technology security and promote

academic activities which include study and training for students.

Explaining further on the validation service, he said: " When company "A" disseminates the digital certificate issued by Digicert, the subscribers of the company also want to utilise the certificate.

" So the B company (the subscribers) can check the validity of the digital certificate obtained by company "A" with Digicert".

Noor Azli also said more than RM5 million has already been invested in the last 18 months to establish, develop and put in place the product infrastructure and another RM1 million would be invested, on a staggered basis, on promotions and marketing in the next two years.

Digicert has more than two million subscribers for digital certificates but with the introduction of the validation service, is optimistic the subscriber base would broaden further.

" We are aiming to secure clients for the validation service from the government sector, financial institutions and individuals. Digicert hopes to reap a four-fold return on investments within five years," he added. –Bernama