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MIMOS Bhd has recommended to the government to appoint Mesdaq-listed SCAN Associates Bhd (SCAN) to be its technology business partner to further develop and commercialise its research technologies.

The proposed collaboration, which is currently being evaluated between the two parties, is due to be finalised as soon as the relevant approvals have been received.

SCAN's managed security services business model in both the domestic and international markets is in line with the National Mission of adding value to the information and communications technology (ICT) and services sector.

The collaboration will allow Mimos to concentrate on what it does best namely research and development, while SCAN can focus on distributing and marketing of products that have been developed.

SCAN technology director Datuk Dr Norbik Bashah Idris said currently, Mimos and SCAN are negotiating on the

proposed collaboration.

"The collaboration will further enhance SCAN's capability in offering more cryptography-related products to complement its product range of TRUSTMatrix, GrixDrive and MatrixNet. This will augur well for a company like SCAN who has started making inroads to the overseas markets," he said in a statement yesterday.

Potentially, the collaboration will involve some of the Cyber Security product portfolio researched and developed by Mimos, which are Certificate Authority Engine for MyKad codename CA4MyKad, FIRST LIVE CD, Cyber Early Warning System (CEWS) and Secure Electronic Document System (SEDS).

In addition, the collaboration may also involve a few business entities in Mimos that focus on the area of Cyber Security such as Digicert Sdn Bhd, iVEST and Malaysia Microelectronics Solutions Sdn Bhd.

Once this mutually beneficial collaboration is sealed, it will be a new beginning for

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Mimos which has been focusing on its core expertise — research and development.

Home-grown SCAN provides essential support to the national ICT agenda via its end-to-end solutions to private and public sectors covering a broad range of segments.

These include ICT security applications development, security applications software packages, security consultancy, security systems integration, provision of outsourcing services or MSS and provision of maintenance and ICT security training services.

It was listed on the Mesdaq market of Bursa Malaysia in October 2006, raising the highest value of funds in the Mesdaq market in the process.

SCAN offers ICT security outsourcing services which covers the monitoring and surveillance of 500 security devices for more than 150 organisations.

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