Cybersecurity Alliance for Mutual Progress
I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all members for participating in the CAMP. I believe that all the members who participated in CAMP feel confident that it was successful and fruitful. The Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA), as the Chair and the Secretariat of CAMP, will commit itself to enhance the cybersecurity capacity of all members and facilitate cybersecurity cooperation. To promote information sharing and activities mingled among members, CAMP will publish a brochure covering a range of steps we took through. Your keen interests and valuable information will be greatly needed to continuously fill out the brochure with high quality contents. We wish you all the success and prosperity with your organization in future.

The Chair of Cybersecurity Alliance for Mutual Progress (CAMP)
For a long time, cyberspace has been treated as a purely virtual place, far removed from the physical world. The perception was that cyber-attacks were simply perpetrated by hackers, showing off their skills. Today, people’s perception on cyberspace has significantly changed. Due to advancements in information technology, the boundaries between cyberspace and the physical world are crumbling even further. Simultaneously, the sophistication of cyber-attacks is growing at an alarming pace, and the resulting threats are consequently more serious. Cyber-attacks not only cause socio-economic losses, but are nowadays widely recognized as a threat to national and international security.

Under these circumstances, it is increasingly difficult for a single nation to handle cybersecurity issues on its own. There is a need for stronger and more effective collaboration at the global level, in order to maintain a safe cyberspace. In response to demands from government agencies and public organizations invested in cybersecurity, 37 organizations from 29 different countries gathered together in 2015 to explore the possibility of forming a new global alliance on cybersecurity.

The participants agreed to launch a global initiative. The aim was said to build their cybersecurity capacities and capabilities, and to foster global cooperation in responding to cyber threats. The Joint Statement, adopted at this preparatory gathering, was the starting point of the Cybersecurity Alliance for Mutual Progress (CAMP).

CAMP was officially launched on July 11, 2016 in Seoul, Korea with the purpose to achieve sustainable benefits of secure cyber environment and to serve as a platform where members can take collective action to keep cyberspace safe. Government agencies and public and non-profit organizations related to cybersecurity are eligible for CAMP membership. A slogan of CAMP that goes “CAMP lights up a safer tomorrow!” well represents its vision to take the lead in creating a safe and reliable cyber world as a light that shines a future of cybersecurity. The member had in-depth discussions on ways to enhance global cooperation and officially adopted a Terms of Reference (TOR).
Thanks to the active participation and contribution of its members, in its first year of operation, CAMP improved and stabilized its organizational structure, continuously shared information on cyber threats, and explored the development of joint cybersecurity projects. The Operations Committee held regular teleconferences, which service to promote the organization’s activities and strengthen member relations. CAMP also published newsletter on a regular basis with updates on members’ activities and cybersecurity trends.

The first year saw the start of CAMP Regional Forums, designed to discuss establishing successful policies and strategies on cybersecurity at the domestic and regional level. The forums also intend to intensify cross-border co-operation and discover potential future tasks for CAMP. The first Regional Forum was held on April 19-20, 2017 in Accra, Ghana in collaboration with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). CAMP member representatives and potential members from the African region had in-depth discussions on the current state of cybersecurity in Africa and shared plans to develop and increase cyber resilience in the region.

Among the most important gatherings for CAMP is the Annual Meeting, where all members gather to discuss the direction of operations, exchange experiences and information, and organize activities that advance mutual interests. The second CAMP Annual Meeting, carrying the theme of “Cyber Resilience: The Key of Cybersecurity,” was held on July 5, 2017 in Seoul, Korea. The members had discussion on the revision of the Terms of Reference adopted at the first Annual Meeting in order to reflect the current situation of the CAMP, nominated the next Operations Committee. The volunteering member organizations also made presentations on their national or regional issues that are challenged and handled recently during the conference followed by the meeting.

The second Regional Forum held in Vietnam, December 2017 was an opportunity for the East-Asian members to share experience and best practices of cybersecurity development in Asia. They discussed cybersecurity related issues such as cyber intelligence sharing system, CERT activities in ASEAN, etc. and enhance partnership in European region, the CAMP held the third Regional Forum in Serbia, March 2018. The agenda discussed were social media’s negative impact on cybersecurity, cybersecurity future scenario, EU GDPR and cybersecurity, and global cybersecurity framework.
Taking a Leap forward to the Development

From September 12 to 15, 2018, the members were invited to the third Annual Meeting. The Chair and Secretariat had prepared a very elaborated program for the participants by not only just organizing the meeting and the Regional Forum but also conducting the survey on cybersecurity status, visiting industrial sites and exhibitions, holding a small-sized seminar and arranging bilateral meetings.

In particular, the result of the survey, composed of three sections which are cybersecurity governance, cybersecurity risk and best practices, showed common features of the national or regional cybersecurity governance of the members, which are the facts that the national or regional cybersecurity strategy for development and every country has a governmental body, organization or institute responsible for cybersecurity. On the basis of this evidence-based approach, the CAMP will put more efforts on reinforcing reliability of the survey results and extend it to joint research in the future.

In order to expand membership and enhance partnership in European region, the CAMP held the third Regional Forum in Servia, March 2018. The agenda discussed were social media’s negative impact on cybersecurity, cybersecurity scenario, EU GDPR and cybersecurity and global cybersecurity framework. In occasion with the third Annual Meeting in Korea, the forth Regional Forum was held back to back where members gathered by each region and discussed their own interest in the field of cybersecurity.

The number of CAMP members has increased to 59 organizations from 45 countries as of 2019. In order to share the cybersecurity threat trend among the members from the Latin America region, the fifth Regional Forum was held in Costa Rica in April 2019 and discussed cybersecurity issues closely related to the Latin America and CAMP activities. The Operations Committee actively led the activities of CAMP through teleconferences. They reviewed the qualification of new members, discussed the organization of an Annual Meeting and Regional Forum. Throughout 2019, the OC successfully reached to draw a Role & Responsibility (R&R) of the Operations Committee and each OC member selected one from the R&R item such as Membership, Annual Meeting, Regional Forum, Information Sharing and Terms of Reference and led the discussion. The newsletters were resumed to publish for accelerating information sharing among members. Pertaining to physical networking opportunities, the fourth Annual Meeting was held in October 1, 2019 where the delegates agreed on the designation of the Secretariat for the 2nd term and OC for 2019-2020.
Building Trust for the Next Generation

As new cyber risks arise and evolve – and new areas of cyber vulnerability emerge – it becomes increasingly harder for countries to manage and respond to cyber threats on their own. Recognizing this reality, CAMP will support close cooperation among its members, with the ultimate goal of forming both a trustworthy and secure cyberspace.

There is a saying that CAMP follows: “Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” The hard work and contribution of all CAMP members will leave a lasting legacy in the field of cybersecurity for the benefit of future generations.