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(ISC)²® Collaborates with Data Security Council of India to Develop its Certified Cyber Forensics Professional (CCFP) Certification in India

Exam registration now open for CCFP-IN; First exam available May 15, 2014

Hong Kong/Delhi, May 2, 2014 — (ISC)²® (“ISC-squared”), the largest not-for-profit membership body of certified information and software security professionals with nearly 100,000 members worldwide, today announced it has collaborated with Data Security Council of India ([DSCI](#)) to launch the expert-level (ISC)² Certified Cyber Forensics Professional – India (CCFPSM-IN) certification in India. Registration is now open, with the first exam available on May 15, 2014 at [Pearson VUE](#)® test centers in India.

The CCFP is the only global standard currently available for assessing experienced digital forensics professionals’ mastery of the discipline. Originally only available for the U.S. and South Korea, and recently made available in the European Union, the credential has been developed for India in coordination with DSCI, a self-regulatory and not-for-profit organization set up by India National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), to localize the CCFP to meet the specific needs of the Indian forensics community.

The CCFP is an expert-level credential that offers a common, internationally recognised body of knowledge. It exposes a comprehensive, yet advanced knowledge that today’s experienced cyber forensics practitioners must demonstrate. Many of the existing certifications available today are of a foundational level and focus on a narrow aspect of the cyber forensics realm.

“It is critical in India that we have an objective measure of excellence valued by courts and employers alike for indicating the ability to apply forensics to information security disciplines, such as e-discovery, malware analysis, or incident response,” said Dr. Kamlesh Bajaj, CEO, DSCI. “The (ISC)² CCFP is a good fit for this need and we share (ISC)²’s mission in benchmarking trained cyber forensics experts by professionalizing the workforce of the future.”

“As part of the localization team for CCFP-IN, we have incorporated local skills requirements for digital forensics professionals in India into CCFP content. The upcoming official (ISC)² training that DSCI will offer will benefit local cyber forensics practitioners, especially in conducting digital investigations following a breach and protection of the digital evidence trail,” K. Venkatesh Murthy, CCFP-US, GCFA, Senior Manager, Cyber Forensics at DSCI.

The CCFP spans the digital forensics and information security disciplines. The six (ISC)² Common Body of Knowledge (CBK[®]) domains within the credential include:

- Legal & Ethical Principles
- Investigations
- Forensic Science
- Digital Forensics
- Application Forensics
- Hybrid & Emerging Technologies

“The CCFP is localized for different regions or countries to ensure that security professionals are trained in digital evidence laws specific the country or region in which they work,” said W. Hord Tipton, CISSP, executive director, (ISC)². “The development of CCFP-IN re-affirms the dedication of (ISC)² to support the Indian market, first exemplified by the opening of the (ISC)² India office in Mumbai in December 2013. We applaud DSCI’s effort to localize CCFP for the information security forensics community in India and look forward to making more localized versions of the CCFP certification available throughout the Asia-Pacific region in the future.”

CCFP-IN is suitable for corporate investigators and government entities including:

- Digital forensics examiners in law enforcement to support cybercrime investigations;
- Cybercrime and cybersecurity professionals working in the government or private sectors;
- Computer forensics engineers & managers working in corporate information security;
- Digital forensics and e-Discovery consultants focused on litigation support;
- Cyber intelligence analysts working for defense/intelligence agencies;
- And computer forensic consultants working for management or specialty consulting firms.

To attain the CCFP, applicants must hold a four-year degree leading to a Baccalaureate or regional equivalent and have at least three years of cumulative paid, full-time, professional experience in digital forensics or IT security in three out of the six domains of the credential. Those not holding a degree must have six years of cumulative paid full-time digital forensics or IT security work experience in three out of the six domains of the credential; or an alternate forensics certification approved by (ISC)² and five years of full-time digital forensics or IT security experience in three out of the six domains of the credential. Those lacking the appropriate number of years of work experience required for CCFP can earn the Associate of (ISC)² until the requisite work experience is obtained.

Candidates can find more information about CCFP, download the exam outline, sign up for training courses, and register for the exam at: www.isc2.org/ccfp. The *Official (ISC)² Guide to the CCFP CBK[®]* is now available in electronic format on iTunes <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/official-isc-2-guide-to-ccfp/id867013119?ls=1&mt=11>.

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About DSCI

DSCI is a focal body on data protection in India, set-up as an independent Self Regulatory Organization (SRO) by NASSCOM®, to promote data protection, develop security and privacy best practices & standards and encourage the Indian industries to implement the same.

DSCI is engaged with the Indian IT-BPM industry, their clients worldwide, Banking and Telecom sectors, industry associations, data protection authorities and other government agencies in different countries. It conducts industry wide surveys and publishes reports, organizes data protection awareness seminars, workshops, projects, interactions and other necessary initiatives for outreach and public advocacy. DSCI is focused on capacity building of Law Enforcement Agencies for combating cyber crimes in the country and towards this; it operates several cyber labs across India to train police officers, prosecutors and judicial officers in cyber forensics.

Public Advocacy, Thought Leadership, Awareness and Outreach and Capacity Building are the key words with which DSCI continues to promote and enhance trust in India as a secure global sourcing hub, and promotes data protection in the country.

For more details : www.dsci.in

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(ISC)² is the largest not-for-profit membership body of certified information and software security professionals worldwide, with nearly 100,000 members in more than 135 countries. Globally recognized as the Gold Standard, (ISC)² issues the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP®) and related concentrations, as well as the Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP®), the Certified Cyber Forensics Professional (CCFP), Certified Authorization Professional (CAP®), HealthCare Information Security and Privacy Practitioner (HCISPP), and Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP®) credentials to qualifying candidates. (ISC)²'s certifications are among the first information technology credentials to meet the stringent requirements of ISO/IEC Standard 17024, a global benchmark for assessing and certifying personnel. (ISC)² also offers education programs and services based on its CBK®, a compendium of information and software security topics. More information is available at www.isc2.org.

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