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## THE THIRD NATIONAL CYBER OLYMPIAD - CYBERCUBE 2018



Up to 150 students from universities and schools across Georgia took part in the Cyber Olympiad CyberCube 2018 organized by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT.GOV.GE) of the Data Exchange Agency (DEA) under the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

CyberCube 2018 is supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UK aid from the UK Government, Cyber Security Bureau of the Ministry of Defence,

Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, and a range of business partners and sponsors – UGT, Huawei, GreenNet, ISSP, Orient Logic and GRENA.

Speaking at the opening of the Olympiad on 7 May, **Giorgi Pataridze**, Deputy Minister of Justice, highlighted Georgia's evident progress in developing Information Technologies and cyber security.

**Nikoloz Gagnidze**, Chairperson of the Data Exchange Agency, noted the role of Cyber Olympiad in educating new generations of Georgian IT professionals.

"The annual CyberCube shows the notable progress in skills and abilities of its participants. We also see that more young people are interested in choosing cyber security as a professional path," Gagnidze said. (Continued on P. 2).

(Continued from P.1) Divided into fifty teams, CyberCube participants compete to fulfil a variety of tasks related to preventing cyber crisis situations and recovering from cyber security incidents caused by hard drive failures or attacks by adversaries. Most of the tasks are based on the real case scenarios from international experience and the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) practice.

"It is encouraging to see talented and motivated young people willing to contribute to the development of their country. Systemic approach to cyber security is one the pillars of a modern state," said **Munkhtuya Altangerel**, Deputy Head of UNDP in Georgia.

CyberCube 2018 is the third Cyber Olympiad organized in Georgia since 2016. The participants of this national competition are youth under 25 who are familiar with networking, scripting and web development.

UNDP and UK aid from the UK Government are supporting CyberCube 2018 under their wider programme to support the ongoing Public Administration Reform in Georgia.



## CERT.GOV.GE'S MANAGER SPOKE ABOUT CYBERSECURITY AT BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (BTU)



On May 24 discussions on cybersecurity took place at Business and Technology University's (BTU) cybersecurity laboratory. **David Kvatadze**, CERT.GOV.GE Manager spoke about the challenges that are currently relevant to cybersecurity and shared comprehensive information with the audience in the format of dedicated session - "Cyber War against Georgia".

**Mr. Kvatadze** emphasized the importance of cybersecurity and delivered a detailed description of CERT.GOV.GE's activities carried out on the way of ensuring a high level of country's cybersecurity. During discussions, special attention was given to the war between Georgia and Russia in August 2008 and its impact on Georgia's ICT infrastructure. Among other

things, issues related to cyber espionage, also cyber-attack cases that have drawn a considerable attention both in technological and political prospect of view, were also reviewed. Lessons learned from the war in cyber space and cybersecurity's role then and now have been thoroughly highlighted by the speakers presented on the event.

"It is always interesting to meet and interact with the audience in such format. This is a good opportunity to draw society's attention to the issues related to cybersecurity and provide more information about the importance and challenges of cybersecurity for the interested groups and individuals." – **David Kvatadze**, CERT.GOV.GE Manager.

## DEA HELD ANOTHER SESSION OF TRAININGS ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO INFORMATION SECURITY

In the second half of May, 2018 at Hotel Bomond Garden Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia held another training session for the representatives of Critical Information System Subjects and NATO's Classified Information Security Division of MOD (Ministry of Defence) of Georgia.

Training program covered three major directions: "Information Security: introduction, implementation, and audit"; "Risk Management of Information Security Management Systems"; "Information Security Management System Internal Auditor".



The subject of critical infrastructure represents strategically important organization, proper operation of which is crucial for country's sustainability. These organizations are obliged by the law of Georgia on information security to have information security management systems and to employ relevant well-trained personnel. The subjects of critical infrastructure and their uninterrupted operation are responsible for granting citizen's a high-class services and assuring that their interests are greatly protected from the side of State. Such organizations include Border Police of Georgia, National Center for Examination, Georgian Railway, The National Bank of Georgia and others. The list of these organizations are defined by the law of Georgia on Information Security.

The training, along with practical exercises, featured an advanced tools of reaching a maximum level of information security, as well as stages of planning, implementing and auditing of information security management systems and the introductory to the relevant laws and their normative acts.

10-day training session completed with testing on the results of which special certificates have been issued by the agency.

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