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The Inaugural INTERPOL *World* 2015 Concludes on a High Note with Stronger Collaborative Tenacity to Foster Safer and Secure World

Singapore, 20 April 2015 – The inaugural INTERPOL *World* 2015 saw 7,807 government leaders, together with representatives of international organisations and researchers converge to discuss strategies to develop safer and more secure cities. A global platform to develop security solutions for the rapidly urbanising world, INTERPOL *World* concluded yesterday with potential and new partnerships forged and a stronger collective resolve to develop a more secure, resilient and safer cities for people around the world.

Held from 14 to 16 April, the INTERPOL *World* Expo, together with the INTERPOL *World* Theatre and demo area, had showcased the latest developments and technologies from 258 companies globally, while the INTERPOL *World* Congress closed on 16 April with 437 delegate exchanging ideas in the thought leadership dialogues and business meetings.

“I am thrilled that INTERPOL *World* has seen a tremendous success at its debut. The vibrant exchange of best practices, experiences and technologies across various government agencies and international organisations over the past few days underscores the event’s significance as the premier platform for global industry captains to have insightful exchange of conversations and to collaborate to find innovative solutions to address the various security challenges,” Mr Jack Chia, Executive Director of the MP International.

A key theme that was discussed and debated during INTERPOL *World* was the issue of what makes the world safer and secure environment. There was broad agreement is the necessity to innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships in order to deliver solutions to the growing challenges of policing and security.

“The quality of discussions and participation at INTERPOL *World* was outstanding and we are very glad to have been a part of an excellent event where we were able to interact with potential partners and expert panels. The event provided a platform for NEC to introduce its latest innovations and to engage relevant authorities on current security issues,” said Mr Hironori Takahashi, Vice President, Public Business Unit, NEC Corporation.

Participants at INTERPOL *World* also stressed for greater dialogue and collaboration between public and private entities to create more innovative and cost-effective solutions to improve global security.

“INTERPOL *World* was a good platform for us to introduce our Large Crowd Monitoring Solution to the right target audience on a large scale. We were able to engage in comprehensive conversations with the audience and explore potential partnerships,” said Erel Rosenberg, Chief Executive Officer, DFRC Pte Ltd.

The next INTERPOL *World* will be held in Singapore in 2017.

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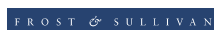
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INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 190 member countries. The role of INTERPOL is to enable police around the world to work together to make the world a safer place. The high-tech infrastructure of technical and operational support from INTERPOL helps meet the growing challenges of fighting crime in the 21st century.

About INTERPOL World

INTERPOL *World* is a biennial trade event which promotes public private partnerships and serves as a business platform for security manufacturers and service providers to offer innovative security solutions to law enforcement agencies, government officials and security professionals from the commercial sectors. INTERPOL *World* creates an environment for public and private sectors to come together to identify, develop and drive security initiatives for real world security situations across four key domains: Cybersecurity, Safe Cities, Border Management and Supply Chain Security.

INTERPOL *World* is owned by INTERPOL and supported by Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs. The first INTERPOL *World* will take place in Singapore from 14-16 April 2015 and will be alongside the official opening of the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) and the 22nd INTERPOL Asian Regional Conference. For more information, visit: www.interpol-world.com.

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Note to Editor

The Congress component of INTERPOL *World* generated robust discussions among key expert speakers and industry captains on how the world can rise above prevailing security challenges and resource constraints, and benefit from the synergy of trans-border partnerships.

Key discussions at the Congress raised discussions on the roles of various mechanisms that support a dynamically secure environment and economy. These included –

- At the congress on **Border Management**, IATA projected international travel to double by 2034. The panel had agreed that there is need to build a trusted community at national and international levels to ensure better border management controls. The world faces pertinent issues on this front – from terrorism to the increase of the discovery of firearms in passengers' luggage and the ever-present threat of stolen travel documents. While the experts agreed that technology does exist today to strengthen border management efforts, there are gaps that need to be closed to eliminate these threats altogether. These gaps include – ensuring enforcement officers are trained to use the information systems, ensuring these technological tools are used consistently, standardising identity authentication process and constant engagement in order for information exchange can be shared in a secured environment.

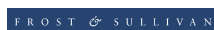
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- **CyberSecurity Congress** highlighted that while technologies have advanced tremendously to combat cybercrimes, the underlying issue that was constantly raised during discussions was the need for closer PPP collaboration. The strength of such collaboration would bring companies, countries, law enforcement agencies closer together to fight cybercrime at a technical and policy levels, with quicker response time. Quick response time was a key point highlighted by the panel that emphasised speed is, very often, a critical factor when it comes to combating cybercrimes.
- In the **Safe Cities Congress** track, speakers agreed that as issues and challenges that cities face grow increasingly complex, no single entity can deal with the threats on their own. Governments and city officials must work with industry players and academia to form multiagency, multi-stakeholder partnerships in order to holistically manage the threats. In addition, speakers also emphasised the need for cities to embrace the use of technology and data analytics to build systems that can monitor across all city services, especially in critical infrastructure, to ensure the safety of cities.
- At the **Supply Chain Security Congress**, key issues the world faces were discussed and summarised into four categories - counterfeiting, falsifying of information, traceability and smuggling. The panel called for the use of various solutions from setting international standards, creating systems to understand the product history to authenticate goods traveling beyond borders and a stronger public, private and people partnership in order to secure our global supply chains.

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