DND C, MISS wins international Information Security Leadership award

Director Nebuchadnezzar S. Alejandrino (center), Chief of the DND’s Management Information System Service, receives the ISLA Award from (ISC)² Chief Executive Officer David Shearer (right), and Dr. Jae-Woo Lee, Co-Chairperson (ISC)² Asian Advisory Council.

The cybersecurity efforts of the Department of National Defense were recognized in the recently concluded 9th annual Asia-Pacific Information Security Leadership Achievements (ISLA) Program held on July 29, 2015, at Sofitel Philippine Plaza, in Pasay City.

Director Nebuchadnezzar S. Alejandrino, Chief of the Management Information System Service, received the ISLA Honor for Managerial Professional for an Information Security Project, for the creation of the Cybersecurity Division in the Department of National Defense.
The Cybersecurity Division of the Department of National Defense was created in 2011 in view of the pressing need to address the non-traditional security issue of information and communication system risks, and to enable the Department to operate securely and effectively in cyberspace.

Director Alejandrino attributed the recognition of ISLA to the commitment of Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin to secure information and communication channels in the Defense establishment. He also shared that Secretary Gazmin is pushing for the organization, integration, and implementation of cybersecurity initiatives to ensure that national and public security are not compromised.

Organized by the Information System Security Certification Consortium, Inc., or (ISC)^2, the ISLA Program is held annually to “recognize outstanding leadership and achievements in workforce improvement and foster public awareness of information security professionals throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

The honorees include corporate executives, academicians, project managers, consultants, researchers, and public servants selected from the 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific. “The ISLA Program provides a unique platform to showcase information security leaders who are dedicated to advancing the industry and inspiring the next generation of cybersecurity professionals,” (ISC)^2 Chief Executive Officer David Shearer said in a statement.

The (ISC)^2, the largest non-profit organization of information and software security practitioners, is deemed as the leader in educating and certifying information security professionals.

In 2013, the Department of National Defense also won the Information Security category of The FutureGov Awards Philippines organized by the Singapore-based FutureGov Magazine, a publication focused on government, education, and healthcare modernization issues.

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