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AUSTRALIA'S CYBER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Australia's [Cyber Cooperation Program](#) works across the Indo-Pacific to promote a peaceful and stable online environment and improve cyber resilience. Established in 2016, the Program plays an important role in supporting Australia's international cyber engagement, which champions an open, free and secure cyberspace that protects national security and promotes international stability, while driving global economic growth and sustainable development.

The Program supports Australia's commitment to deliver on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognises the vital role of digital technologies to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Australia has increased its investment to the Cyber Cooperation Program from \$4 million in 2016 to \$34 million out to 2023. This increase in funding signals the importance Australia has placed on building cyber resilience across the Indo-Pacific region.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Cyber Cooperation Program aims to equip countries in ASEAN and the Pacific with the capacity to respond to the challenges and opportunities that cyberspace presents. It has five areas of focus:

1. **International cyber stability framework:** promoting an understanding of how existing international law, norms and confidence building measures apply in cyberspace.
2. **Cybercrime prevention, prosecution and cooperation:** strengthening legislative frameworks and institutional capacity to prevent, investigate and prosecute cybercrime.
3. **Cyber incident response:** working with partners to establish and strengthen national and regional cyber incident response capability and coordinate and share cyber security threat information across the region.
4. **Best practice technology for development:** advocating for best practice use of technology for development by integrating cyber security by design and respect for human rights online.
5. **Human rights and democracy online:** advocating and protecting human rights and democracy online, including freedom of expression online.

PARTNERSHIPS

The success of the Cyber Cooperation Program is based on its strong partnerships model which sees Australia partner with industry, academia, civil society and like-minded donors to combine knowledge, expertise and resources to advance and protect our collective interests in cyberspace. To date, the Program has supported over 40 projects across ASEAN and the Pacific working with over 25 delivery partners.