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Launch of Cloud Security Companion Guides to Support Cyber Essentials and Cyber Trust

On 17 October 2023, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore ("**CSA**") and the Cloud Security Alliance launched two Cloud Security Companion Guides to support Cyber Essentials and Cyber Trust for organisations ("**Companion Guides**"). Cyber Essentials and Cyber Trust are national cybersecurity standards developed by CSA. The Companion Guides provide advisories for cloud customers, including small-medium enterprises ("**SMEs**"), to better understand their cloud-specific risks and responsibilities. The Companion Guides also cover the required steps for organisations to take to secure the cloud environment, such as training employees on their roles in cloud security and how they can operate securely in the cloud.

Enterprise cloud adoption has risen significantly over recent years. When organisations use the cloud, a common area of confusion is the division of responsibility between the organisation as cloud users, and that of their cloud providers. The companion guide for Cyber Essentials, targeted at SMEs, adopts a shared responsibility model to help organisations understand what they and their providers each need to take responsibility of to secure the cloud environment.

Targeted at larger or more digitalised organisations, the companion guide for Cyber Trust maps each cybersecurity preparedness domain in the Cyber Trust mark, such as cyber governance and oversight and cyber education, to the framework published by the Cloud Security Alliance. This mapping serves as a helpful and convenient reference for organisations, making it easier for organisations to implement the measures necessary to attain the Cyber Trust mark.

The Companion Guides were developed in close partnership with major cloud service providers in Singapore, namely Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud and Microsoft, which provided insights based on their experience with their customers, contributed relevant findings and statistics, and validated the Companion Guides' contents. They have also developed provider-specific guides, accessible via the CSA website, that are organised based on the measures listed in the Cyber Essentials and Cyber Trust marks.

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- [CSA Press Release titled "Launch of Cloud Security Companion Guides for Organisations"](#)
- [Cloud Security Companion Guide for Cyber Essentials](#)
- [Annex A – CSA Cyber Essentials Infographics](#)
- [Cloud Security Companion Guide for Cyber Trust](#)
- [Annex B – CSA Cyber Trust Infographics](#)

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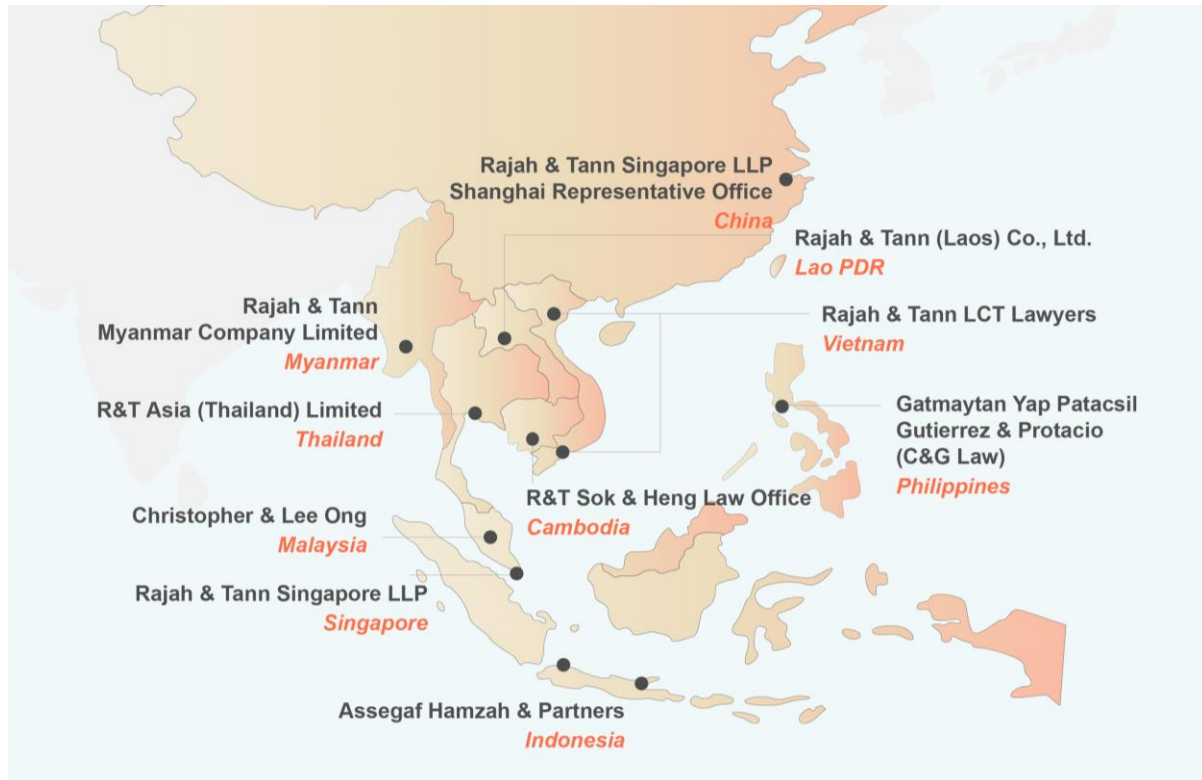
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