A Secure Connection: Finding the Form of ASEAN Cyber Security Cooperation

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Abstract

Internet security is somehow being understated in ASEAN's strategy facing 2015. ASEAN Connectivity as the blue print of ASEAN's development strategy to strengthen the regional bond has not put proper attention in building security for guiding the connectivity plan among ASEAN member countries. This paper will discuss the future of cyber security cooperation particularly as ASEAN is planning to connect the region through ICT. This paper will try to analyse what kind of framework ASEAN will need on preparation to widen its security agenda to cyber world in the future to complete its preparation of being connected.

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Introduction

As the wave of technology and modernity changes the way of our daily life, it has changed the world's perception some of its values as well. One of the icons of this technological development is the internet which at first serves as the communication network in the cold war (Ryan, 2010, p. 14). The internet nowadays also has created a new realm, cyberspace, and in the era of high-speed connection, many people labelled the cyberspace as a lawless and borderless world of which freedom is the main issue. Anyone supposed to be free to be connected, search for anything they need from every source they find and transform their creation in digital form. Some people even go beyond and use the internet to get what they need in illegal ways. This can be a general description of what will be later categorized as cybercrime.

Although there are still many discussions about the interpretation of cyber-crime due to its vast scope of infringement, it is important to have a basic understanding about what cybercrime really is. Using computer as a tool to commit a crime is not necessarily called a cybercrime. There is a difference of cybercrime and computer crime. Cybercrime is not only a crime committed with digital instrument, but it also connected to the network of digital communication (Gerkce, 2011, p. 26). The connectivity issue makes cybercrime more complex to deal with. As a measure to avert the future damage caused by cybercrime, laws and regulations governing the cyberspace are created to prevent them to