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ISACA Malaysia Chapter 2025 Year-End Dinner

What an amazing evening to wrap up 2025! A heartfelt thank you to all our members who joined us for a night of fellowship, great food, and celebration. Your support throughout the year has been invaluable to the success of our chapter — and it was wonderful to end the year together in such a warm, festive setting by the lake.

🌟 Evening Highlights

Warm Welcome & Year in Review: We reflected on a year of learning, certification successes, and community growth — made possible by the commitment of our members and volunteers.

Member Recognition: Special appreciation for the many volunteers, speakers, and committee leads whose contributions strengthened our programmes and member experience in 2025.

Lucky Draw Fun: Congratulations to our Lucky Draw winners! 🏆 We hope you enjoy your prizes and continue to be part of our vibrant ISACA community.

Networking & Fellowship: Great conversations, shared insights, and new connections that set a positive tone for the year ahead.

🙌 Thank You

A big shout-out to the ISACA Malaysia Chapter Board Members 2025/2026 for planning and hosting this memorable event, and to the event crew and volunteers who kept everything running smoothly.



Member Engagement: Exclusive Movie Night



We were delighted to host an exclusive Movie Night for members, featuring *Predator: Badlands*. Designed to bring our community together beyond the professional setting, the evening focused on camaraderie, connection, and meaningful engagement in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Community Highlights

Friendly welcome and relaxed vibes

Members were greeted on arrival and settled in with light refreshments, creating a warm, easy-going start to the evening. The informal format encouraged conversation from the outset and set the tone for a thoroughly enjoyable gathering.

Shared viewing experience and post-show conversations

Watching the feature together made for a lively, communal experience. Afterwards, members stayed on to chat—swapping favourite moments, comparing notes on the genre, and enjoying open, unstructured conversations that helped build rapport across the chapter.

Cross-discipline networking in a casual setting

Colleagues from governance, audit, security, and technology operations mingled freely, making new connections and strengthening existing ones. The relaxed setting offered a refreshing change from formal events, allowing members to broaden their networks and deepen relationships.

What's Next

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming chapter activities—ranging from professional development sessions to more social meet-ups. Keep an eye on your inbox and our channels for the next invitation.

ISACA Malaysia Board Members Honoured at AVAR 2025

Celebrating Malaysian Excellence at AVAR 2025

We're proud to share that two of our ISACA Malaysia Chapter Board Members were honoured at AVAR 2025 in Kuala Lumpur:

Datuk Syahril Aziz received Best Cyber Security Leader, recognising strategic impact and long-term contributions to strengthening cyber resilience across Malaysia.

Ts. Jacky Aw Swee Liang received Best CISO – Enterprise, highlighting leadership in enterprise-scale security, governance, and technology risk resilience at Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad.

AVAR 2025 brought together global threat researchers and CISOs across 3–5 December with CISO Connect sessions and a Gala Awards Night—and ISACA Malaysia was delighted to support this important community platform.

Congratulations, Datuk Syahril and Jacky! Your achievements reflect the dedication and leadership within our chapter and inspire our community to continue raising the bar for governance, assurance, and cybersecurity excellence.



Event Highlights – Q4 2025

Strengthen Your Cyber Defence with AI-Driven SOC Strategies

 4 December 2025  2:00–5:00 pm  KLGCC

ISACA Malaysia hosted an exclusive half-day session dedicated to how Artificial Intelligence is revolutionising Security Operations Centres (SOC). The programme brought together cybersecurity professionals, IT managers, and technology leaders to explore practical strategies, tools, and governance frameworks for next-generation SOC operations.

Key Themes & Takeaways

AI's Growing Impact on SOC Efficiency & Resilience : Participants learned how AI accelerates triage, enriches alerts with context, and reduces mean time to detect (MTTD) and mean time to respond (MTTR). Discussion centred on real-world applications—from intelligent correlation to automated prioritisation—boosting operational throughput and cyber resilience.

SOAR & Threat Intelligence for Real-Time Incident Handling : The session demonstrated how Security Orchestration, Automation and Response (SOAR) integrates with threat intelligence feeds to automate playbooks, orchestrate responses across tools, and deliver faster, more consistent incident outcomes. Emphasis was placed on integrating MITRE ATT&CK mapping and enrichment to elevate SOC decision-making.

Compliance & Governance in AI-Enabled Environments : Speakers addressed responsible AI adoption, including model risk, data lineage, auditability, and policy controls. Attendees explored frameworks to ensure transparency, accountability, and regulatory readiness—covering controls for AI outputs, human-in-the-loop review, and comprehensive logging for oversight and assurance.

Live Demonstration of AI Tools in Action : A hands-on demo illustrated how AI can analyse telemetry at scale, surface high-risk events, and trigger automated containment via SOAR. The walkthrough highlighted quick wins: intelligent alert grouping, dynamic risk scoring, and automated evidence collection for post-incident reviews.

Speaker: *Azi Saleh (CISA, CISM, QSA)*



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SEGi University & Colleges Career Day Talk

 26 November 2025  11:15am –12:40pm

ISACA Malaysia was honoured to be invited as a speaker at SEGi University & Colleges' Career Day Talk, where we shared practical insights on IT Governance, IT Audit, and Cybersecurity — with a focus on helping students map clear, achievable pathways into the profession.

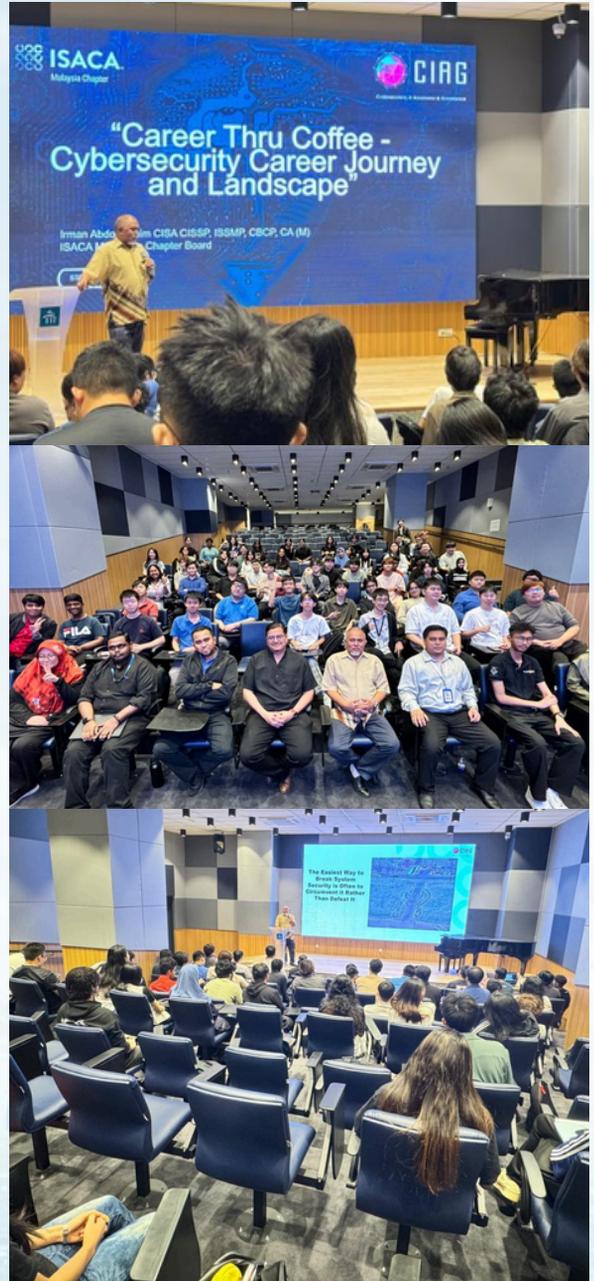
What We Covered

Building pathways into IT Governance & Cybersecurity We outlined entry routes into roles such as IT Auditor, Governance Analyst, Risk & Compliance Analyst, and SOC Analyst — including how internships, student projects, volunteer engagements, and portfolio-building can accelerate hiring readiness. We also highlighted the value of capstone projects, hackathons, and student-led initiatives in demonstrating initiative and applied learning.

Importance of professional certifications for career advancement We discussed how globally recognised certifications (e.g., foundational audit/governance tracks and security credentials) signal competence, sharpen practical skills, and open doors to early-career opportunities. Guidance included how to choose certifications that align with target roles, manage study plans, and leverage chapter communities for mentoring and exam preparation.

Key skills to thrive in a fast-evolving tech landscape

Emphasis on fundamentals — risk-based thinking, control design, data literacy, and ethical decision-making — alongside hands-on capabilities such as log analysis, policy writing, control testing, and reporting with impact. We underscored communication skills, stakeholder engagement, and evidence-based problem solving as differentiators for graduates entering governance and assurance roles.



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Membership renewal deadline extended to 15 February 2026



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How to earn ISACA CPE — free and discounted options

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AI credentials

ISACA now offers advanced, role-specific AI credentials:

AAISM™ – Advanced in AI Security Management

- Who it's for: Security leaders (requires active CISM or CISSP).
- Domains: AI Governance & Programme Management, AI Risk Management, AI Technologies & Controls.
- Status: Launched in 2025; exam and preparation are available.



ISACA Advanced
in AI Security
Management.

AAIA™ – Advanced in AI Audit

- Who it's for: Experienced auditors (requires CISA or other qualified audit designations: CIA, CPA, ACCA/FCCA, Canadian CPA, CPA Australia/FCPA, Japanese CPA).
- Domains: AI Governance & Risk, AI Operations, AI Auditing Tools & Techniques.
- Status: Launched in 2025; exam and preparation are available.



ISACA Advanced
in AI Audit.

AAIR™ – Advanced in AI Risk

- Who it's for: IT risk leaders with designated risk/security credentials (e.g., CRMP, CRMA, CGRC, CISSP, CERP, CRCM, PMI-RMP; ISACA certs CISA/CISM/CRISC/CGEIT/CDPSE recognised).
- Status: Closed beta running with exam windows 10 February–9 March 2026; ISACA indicates updates “as we approach the full launch.”
- Based on the beta timeline, chapters may pre-empt members that full launch is anticipated in Q2 2026.



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CRISC Exam Refresh — Now Live

Effective date: The updated Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) exam blueprint went live on 3 November 2025, with new preparation materials available from 3 September 2025.

What's changed? (Domain weightings)

ISACA has adjusted the CRISC domain weightings to reflect current practice in governance, risk assessment, risk response/reporting, and technology/security:

- Domain 1: Governance — 26%
- Domain 2: Risk Assessment — 22% (up from 20%)
- Domain 3: Risk Response and Reporting — 32%
- Domain 4: Technology and Security — 20% (down from 22%)

These revisions align the exam with the latest priorities in enterprise risk management and the evolving role of technology in risk and control environments.

Why the refresh matters

- Sharper focus on assessment and reporting: Extra emphasis on risk assessment and risk response/reporting signals the profession's move towards data-informed, evidence-based risk decisions and clearer communication to boards and regulators.
- Balanced technology coverage: The technology and security domain remains core but is right-sized to reflect how technology risk integrates with governance, assessment, and reporting disciplines.

What this means for candidates

- If you're planning to sit CRISC from November 2025 onwards, ensure your study plan matches the new blueprint and domain weightings.
- Use the updated review materials (available since 3 September 2025) to reflect the latest content distribution and practice questions.

How to prepare (quick plan)

- Map your strengths to the new blueprint: Allocate study time by domain weight—prioritise Governance (26%) and Risk Response/Reporting (32%), while keeping depth in Risk Assessment (22%) and Technology/Security (20%).
- Refresh your evidence skills: Practise translating assessment findings into concise risk reporting and response plans (controls, remediation, tracking).
- Use current materials: Switch to the 2025-updated CRISC guides and question banks to avoid studying superseded content.

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White Papers to Share - 2025 Releases

These 2025 ISACA white papers provide practical, standards-aligned guidance for boards, risk leaders, auditors and practitioners.

1) Leveraging COBIT for Effective AI System Governance

- What it covers: How to apply COBIT's governance objectives to AI systems—clarifying roles (board, executive, assurance), risk appetite, performance measures, and control activities across the AI lifecycle.
- Why it matters: Many organisations have AI pilots without mature oversight. This paper offers a ready-made governance scaffold aligned to a globally recognised framework.

2) Resilience and Security in Critical Sectors: Navigating NIS2 and DORA Requirements

- What it covers: The implications of NIS2 (EU network and information security) and DORA (Digital Operational Resilience Act) for technology governance, incident reporting, third-party risk and operational resilience.
- Why it matters: Even non-EU organisations feel the ripple effects through supply chains and service providers; this paper helps teams benchmark policies and control testing against evolving EU expectations.

3) Building a Threat-Led Cybersecurity Programme with Cyberthreat Intelligence

- What it covers: Practical steps to design an intelligence-driven control environment—mapping threat scenarios to controls, integrating CTI into SOC workflows and reporting.
- Why it matters: Moves teams beyond checklist compliance to risk-informed defence, improving the signal-to-noise ratio in incident management and assurance reporting.

4) Threat Modelling Revisited

- What it covers: Updated guidance on modelling attack paths and control coverage—useful for cloud, microservices and API-centric architectures.
- Why it matters: A modernised approach to threat modelling strengthens design-time risk identification and supports auditability of architectural decisions.

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