



NUST, MTC JOINED FORCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY COMPETITION (NNCSC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CYBER DEFENCE COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL (ICCDI)

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5 July 2018 - Preceding the first ever International Competition (ICCDI) to be co-hosted by Namibia and the USA, the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) launched the Namibia National Cyber Security pre-competition at NUST on July, 5, 2018. The actual two day event will be on 6th -7th July 2018.

According to Dr Fungai Bhunu Shava, a Senior Computer Science Lecturer at NUST, the competition is aimed to:

1. To provide students with real world challenges faced while maintaining corporate networks that cannot be replicated in a typical classroom i.e. Student teams will be securing and defending a virtual corporate / industry network composed of Windows and Linux operating systems along with routers and switches. Professional penetration testers will act as hostile hackers the students must defend against while taking care of the regular day to day tasks of the network.
2. Making students better trained and prepared when they graduate for the work environment. A platform to enhance teamwork, collaboration, interpersonal skills and problem solving skills
3. Provide Industry an opportunity to witness their future experts at work, solving real work problems simulated in a business like environment.
4. International exposure for the team players

In support to successfully host the competition, mobile telecommunications limited, MTC have given N\$60 000. This donation is the start of a possible future partnership with NUST aimed towards exploration and unearthing of new innovation and ideas between our two entities.

According to Patrick Mushimba, MTC's IT General Manager, "our people have become quite active on internet, hence the security on the cyber space is quite crucial. We therefore as MTC have the responsibility to ensure that whenever our customers surf the internet, their data and information is safe and protected, hence our support for the development of skilled cyber defenders. And we strongly believe that collaborating with NUST can go a long way in the invention of tools and solutions for a secure internet experiences," expressed Mushimba.

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