

16-08-2007: Scanit to make Malaysia its SEA hub

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PETALING JAYA: Scanit ME FZ LLC, a Dubai-based information technology (IT) security consultancy company, is set to make Malaysia its Southeast-Asian hub given the country's strategic position in the region.

Its chief executive officer David Michaux said that the timing was perfect for them to set up base here as there were more investments from the Middle East in the country.

"There is also an increased requirement for IT security here and around the region especially in Indonesia. Companies are beginning to realise that their security needs are not being met," explained Michaux at a press luncheon here yesterday.

However, Scanix's initial focus is providing service to its existing Middle Eastern clients who have invested in the Malaysian market.

"Our primary job is to help find the weak links in the system and customise solutions for our customers," he explained adding that Scanix's list of clients include banks, airlines, telecommunication operators, and oil and gas companies

The company was set up in 1999 by former members of the Protection and Prevention department at Belgacom, Belgium's state telecommunications provider.

The department's initial task was to conduct technical audits on Belgacom's complex communications and IT infrastructure prior to the country's privatisation of the telecommunications market.

Scanix will be conducting recruitment and interviewing sessions for local IT talents at the upcoming HITBSecConf 2007 on Sept 3-6 and expects to start operations in November this year.