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Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,

Greeting from AIU!

As you are aware that the digital era of Twenty first Century has brought significant changes in all spheres of our life. The emergence of new technologies has opened a new vista in all sectors in general and education in particulars. At the same time, it has also posed formidable challenges in the form of frequent breaching of cyber security by unscrupulous elements, thereby posing huge risk for safety in cyber space. Cyber safety and security have become a prime concern all over the world. The new era of virtual crimes, cyber-crimes such as money frauds, hacking of bank accounts, online scams and social media threats like stalking, pornography, bullying, defamation and online harassment are tremendously increasing. The problem with cyber-crime is that most of the complaints go unreported. There is a need to be stricter and enforcement mechanisms more effective to tackle the problem. Training the law enforcement in cyber laws is an immediate concern too.

Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) is a civil society and think tank organization for cybersecurity and policy experts in collaboration with National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), MHA-Government of India has scheduled a national level competition which is the **Second CCTNS Hackathon & Cyber Challenge** with an aim to enhance skills and deepen understanding of cyber security related issues at ground level. It is also an endeavor of NCRB to evolve new ideas and solution for solving day-to-day problems faced by police. The objective of the challenge is to both present technical challenges to identify talent and to tap their innovative approach to solving critical real-world problems.

AIU has received a letter from Cyber Peace Foundation with a request to disseminate the information to member universities/institutions for encouraging, students, scholars and faculty members to participate in the Second CCTNS Hackathon & Cyber Challenge. The letter also invites participation of coders, thinkers, innovators & problem solvers across all segments — civilians (students, professionals, entrepreneurs) and the police personnel (all files & ranks) to participate in this track and provide solutions to the Cyber security related problems. The details of registration can be accessed from the following weblink:

https://www.cyberchallenge.in

I request you to circulate this inform widely and encourage the students, scholars, faculty members and administrative functionaries of your university/institution to participate in this competition which will go a long way in generating awareness about cyber safety and security issues and may also help receiving tangible solutions to the problem under reference.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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