**New Training to Address Cyber Security Risk**

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A new cyber security and information assurance course has been launched by the Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) in collaboration with the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB).

The course has grown from the National Cyber Security Centre's training of government staff, and will now be available to anyone with an interest in cyber security.  WelTec's School of Information Technology (IT) is one of the largest and most highly regarded in the country having run specialised courses and qualifications in cyber and security for the past 8 years.  WelTec is experienced in running degrees and graduate diplomas which have information security majors.  This experience combined with expert staff means the new course is ideal for businesses and government departments requiring staff to be trained in the highly specialised and dynamic field of IT.

The GCSB's Director, Ian Fletcher says, "The world has changed significantly in the last decade as new technology means we are using different methods to communicate, do business, gather, store and protect information.

"We're pleased to be part of this collaborative approach to grow expertise in a field which is taking on greater significance for government and businesses."

WelTec's Chief Executive, Dr Linda Sissons says, "The internet has done away with traditional borders, creating significant opportunities for New Zealand. With those opportunities come extra risks, and this training is all about building New Zealand's capacity to manage the risk so we can take advantage of the opportunities safely.  We are very pleased to partner with the National Cyber Security Centre and to offer this course, initially in Wellington and then nationally.

"We greatly value the ongoing support from the experts at the National Cyber Security Centre which will ensure the latest trends are reflected in the teaching programme.  In 2013 WelTec will run the course twice annually over a one week period," says Dr Sissons.

The Fundamentals of Information Assurance and Security course is a one week condensed course designed to meet the latest New Zealand and international standards. It is a NZQA approved Level 6 course with a final examination on the last day of course.

More information and contact details are available at www.weltec.ac.nz
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