TrendAI™ Honors Cybersecurity Excellence Award Winners for Security Leadership

Annual awards recognize customers turning cyber resilience into a competitive advantage

DALLAS, Oct. 29, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- TrendAI™, the global AI security leader and enterprise business unit ofTrend Micro Incorporated (TYO: 4704; TSE: 4704), today announced the recipients of the 2026 TrendAI™ Cybersecurity Excellence Awards. The awards celebrate organizations worldwide for their leadership, innovation, and excellence in cybersecurity.

The winners across the five categories are listed below.

- **Innovator** recognizes organizations introducing new ideas, technologies, or approaches that meaningfully advance cybersecurity
    - Winners: Sun Chemical; Taiwan Mobile; MITSUI SUMITOMO INSURANCE Agency Service; Qassim University
- **Visionary** honors organizations that are transforming a bold cybersecurity vision into measurable progress
    - Winners: Pegasystems; SoftBank
- **Cyber Defender** celebrates those demonstrating an exceptional commitment to protecting people, operations, and digital environments
    - Winners: Keller ISD; Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture (MEWA); Servico de Salud de las Baleras (IBSalut)
- **Ambassador** distinguishes leaders championing stronger cybersecurity practices across their industries and communities
    - Winners: Cape Cod Healthcare; Anglicare Victoria; Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- **AI Trailblazer h**ighlights an individual advancing the responsible and effective use of AI in cybersecurity
    - Winners: Dole Food Company; Pets at Home; International SOS Assistance UK Limited; Rural Servicios Informáticos

Cybersecurity is no longer only about preventing compromise. Organizations that manage it well strengthen customer trust, enable digital transformation, and gain a competitive edge. The 2026 award recipients demonstrate what that looks like in practice.

Rachel Jin, CEO of TrendAI™: "This year's Cybersecurity Excellence Awards represent the next generation of security-first leaders who understand that cyber resilience is not a compliance checkbox, but a competitive advantage. These customers have transformed how they approach risk, turning threat intelligence into innovation, and weaving security into the fabric of business strategy. That's what true excellence looks like."

What the award winners have to say:

> **Florian Zeeb, Director of Global Information Security, Dole Food Group:**"Security needs a seat at the table when AI is adopted, not a review at the end. That is how we make sure AI is used securely and ethically. It only works with the support of management and the teams, and we had both. This recognition is theirs as much as mine. Nobody had all the answers. We learned together with our partners, and we keep learning."
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> **Takashi Hara, Manager, SoftBank:** "We are deeply honored to receive the Visionary Award. At SoftBank, we are committed to advancing cybersecurity as a critical foundation for driving social and industrial transformation through cutting-edge technologies, including AI. We understand this recognition reflects our efforts not only to address evolving cyber threats, but also to harness AI safely and responsibly to create new value. Going forward, we will continue to tackle emerging security risks associated with the growing adoption of AI and strengthen our governance frameworks. At the same time, we will advance AI-driven threat detection and analysis, as well as the sophistication of our security operations, with the goal of further enhancing our overall cybersecurity posture."
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> **Liviu Groza, Director Information Security, Cape Cod Healthcare:**"This Excellence Award is a reflection on the value Cape Cod Healthcare places on cybersecurity and on TrendAI's ability to meet the demands of operating seemlesly in a space as diverse and sensitive as healthcare. In an increasingly hostile and difficult threat environment, we are able to support the delicate act of healing without undue burden, thanks to organizational backing at all levels and TrendAI's feature rich product suite."

Learn more about this year's awards here.

About TrendAI™
TrendAI™, the global AI security leader and enterprise business unit of Trend Micro, empowers organizations with full AI visibility, governance, and consolidated security to inspire confidence, drive innovation, and eliminate risk. Trusted by the largest enterprises and governments across 185 countries, TrendAI™ secures the entire organization, from identities to infrastructure to data. Global Fortune 500 companies rely on TrendAI™ to stop threats up to 115 days earlier, powered by world-leading threat and attack intelligence.

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