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－Topic1－ JPCERT/CC staff member is re-elected to the Board of FIRST

Yukako Uchida, Manager of the Global Coordination Division, ran for the Board of the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) from JPCERT/CC and was elected. FIRST is the world's largest community boasting a membership of 679 CSIRTs from 105 countries and economies as of June 2023. JPCERT/CC was the first in Japan to become a member of FIRST in 1998 and has actively participated in its activities to collaborate with overseas CSIRTs since then.

Planning for its activities is handled by the 10 members on its Board of Directors. The Board serve a 2-year term, and half of them are elected each year through voting by participating organizations. At the annual conference held in Montreal, Canada in early June, the results of the online voting were announced, and 5 new directors including Uchida were elected. Uchida, who has been serving as a Board member since 2021, will be going into her second term. We believe the voting results were helped by the trust built through the recognition of JPCERT/CC's ongoing contribution to FIRST. Also, it is worth noting that she is the only member from Asia to serve on the Board, which mostly consists of members from Europe and the United States.

On her re-election, Uchida said, "I look forward to continuing my activities on the Board from Japan and helping to further advance FIRST activities in the Asia-Pacific region. The next annual FIRST conference will be held in Fukuoka in June 2024. I am fully dedicated to making sure that it will be a success by establishing and reinforcing the cooperative relationship with partners in Japan, among other efforts."

Please refer to the link below for information about other Board members and past directors.

FIRST.Org,Inc., Board of Directors
https://www.first.org/about/organization/directors

FIRST appoints new chair as organization continues to grow globally
https://www.first.org/newsroom/releases/20230608

－Topic2－ JPCERT/CC 2023 letters of thanks

JPCERT/CC undertakes support activities to help respond to incidents, early warning activities to help prevent incidents, analysis of malware, coordination activities related to vulnerabilities in software products, and other relevant activities aimed at reducing damage and losses from cyber attacks in Japan. To ensure these activities are promoted smoothly and effectively, information and various assistance provided by individuals are inevitable. JPCERT/CC has established a system for presenting letters of thanks as a sign of our deep appreciation to those individuals who have made particularly significant contributions with respect to cyber security activities.

This fiscal year, in June we presented letters of thanks to Mr. Kazuhiro Kondo of NTT Com Engineering Corp. and PSIRT of Contec Co., Ltd.

Mr. Kazuhiro Kondo has contributed to JPCERT/CC's incident coordination activities for many years as OCN's abuse contact. He has also provided valuable information in communities and conferences, some hosted by JPCERT/CC, on numerous occasions, making tremendous contributions to the prevention of incidents and promotion of countermeasures.

To this day, Contec PSIRT has continued to receive reports of various product vulnerabilities, including those identified by overseas users and coordination bodies, and respond appropriately in a timely manner. Recent years have seen an increase in vulnerability reports from overseas concerning devices manufactured in Japan. While PSIRTs at many Japanese companies are struggling to respond, Contec PSIRT serves as a model for an effective system and procedures to handle such reports. For JPCERT/CC, working with Contec PSIRT has offered hints for conducting vulnerability coordination more smoothly.

－Topic3－ Unifying incident report contacts

JPCERT/CC accepts incident reports with the aim of reducing damage from security incidents in Japan. In addition to reports of information security incidents, which we have been accepting since our founding, we have also been accepting reports of ICS incidents since January 2013 against a backdrop of heightened threat against ICS.

We have been accepting reports through a dedicated contact for the ICS incidents, but given changes in the environment surrounding ICS and the increasing complexity of ICS-related incidents, we decided to unify our incident report contacts to streamline the reporting process. Starting from June 29, 2023, we are accepting reports of both information security incidents and ICS security incidents at the same reporting channel contact. We ask that all future incident reports, including reports of ICS incidents, be submitted through the following contact.

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- Incident report contact
  https://www.jpcert.or.jp/english/ir/form.html

We ask for your continued cooperation with incident reporting.

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