JPCERT/CC Activities Overview Topics

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－**Topic1**－ JPCERT/CC Best Reporter Award 2024 presented

Reporters who quickly find cybersecurity issues, such as incidents and vulnerabilities, and provide accurate information are important sources of information and collaborators for JPCERT/CC to engage in appropriate coordination to address those issues. With the numbers of incidents and vulnerabilities increasing, and issues becoming more complex and sophisticated, it has become ever more important to obtain the help of reporters through information provision and solve more issues rapidly. In light of these circumstances, JPCERT/CC established the Best Reporter Award in FY2021 as a way to communicate our appreciation for the support of reporters who provide valuable information on a daily basis, and to serve as an opportunity to share the activities of particularly outstanding reporters with the general public.

The Best Reporter Award has two categories: incident reporting and vulnerability reporting. From among those who reported an incident or vulnerability information, we select individuals who made outstanding contributions to JPCERT/CC's activities based on the numbers and contents of the reports and present each award as a token of our appreciation.

The Best Reporter Award recipients for the fourth year were as follows.

Miyuki Chikara, MARUS JAPAN Co., Ltd. (Incident reporting category)

Ms. Chikara has investigated phishing sites for many years and submitted numerous high-quality reports including detailed analysis that helped us respond to active phishing sites. She has also made ongoing contributions through her activities on communities run by JPCERT/CC, sharing valuable information about investigations and analysis.

Takahiro Haruyama (Vulnerability reporting category)

Mr. Haruyama supported efforts by product developers to fix a vulnerability he found and reported by providing technical information relevant to each product. His contributions proved invaluable in JPCERT/CC's efforts in coordinating with product developers both in Japan and abroad. He showed remarkable commitment even in coordination spanning an extended period of time, and thanks to his cooperation a number of product developers were able to make their public announcements at the same time as Mr. Haruyama's announcement of the vulnerability as the discoverer. His cooperation has provided a model case for vulnerability coordination from the perspective of coordinated vulnerability disclosure (CVD). He also helped write a technical advisory on the vulnerability, which was published on Japan Vulnerability Notes (JVN).

Once again, we would like to thank the award recipients and the many other reporters who support our activities.

－**Topic2**－ Periodic meeting for exchanging information between product developers held in Nagoya

JPCERT/CC holds quarterly meetings with product developers that cooperate in activities related to the dissemination of vulnerability information. Product developers from various businesses and industries in Japan come together and exchange technical and other information about developments related to product vulnerabilities. They also exchange opinions concerning the distribution of vulnerability information, and information about establishing PSIRTs by product developers and reinforcing their activities. These meetings are also intended to provide opportunities for forging positive relationships to build trust and facilitate coordination involving vulnerability information.

Since last year, we have been holding meetings in cities other than Tokyo to provide opportunities for direct dialogue with product developers based in other regions. This fiscal year, we held a hybrid meeting on December 12 in Nagoya. At the main venue, a large number of PSIRT personnel from product developers based in the Tokai and other regions gathered and engaged in active discussions, including product developers participating online. The meeting provided an opportunity for PSIRT personnel to enhance connections with their peers.

JPCERT/CC will continue to organize meetings in various cities to strengthen ties with product developers across the country

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