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Activity Overview Topics

－Topic 1－　　"Watch! Cyber World vol. 1 Latest Topics on Cyber Policy Trends"(Japanese)
　　　　　　　 published on JPCERT/CC Eyes

JPCERT/CC gathers and analyzes news on cybersecurity policies from government agencies, international organizations and companies around the world to investigate trends in other countries. Recently, JPCERT/CC launched a new serial offering commentary on the policies of the United Nations and other countries with the aim of raising interest on cybersecurity policy. Articles will be published regularly on JPCERT/CC Eyes, the official blog of JPCERT/CC. The first issue covered two topics that were considered particularly important from among the events that took place during the 6 months from July to December 2021: the discussion at the UN General Assembly on challenges faced in cyberspace, and the US State Department's plan to form a new cyber bureau.

> JPCERT/CC Eyes: Watch! Cyber World vol. 1 —Latest Topics on Cyber Policy Trends (Japanese)
> https://blogs.jpcert.or.jp/ja/2021/12/cyberworld1.html

To make the articles more approachable to those who are unfamiliar with policy matters, they take the form of a conversation between two original characters created for the series: Mochichiro, a dog who is an expert in this field, and Marcy, a cat who has a lot of curiosity and asks all kinds of questions. Through this format, the initiatives undertaken by government agencies, international organizations and companies are explained in plain language. In addition, for readers who may be familiar with security and vulnerability information but who may not be actively gathering information on cybersecurity policies on a regular basis, links to relevant web pages are also provided so that the readers can check the original sources quickly. In future issues, we will continue to publish articles that will help arouse the reader's interest in this field.

－Topic 2－　　JPCERT/CC presented its first Best Reporter Awards, newly established to
　　　　　　　 commend those who made outstanding contribution through incident or
　　　　　　　 vulnerability reporting

The activities of reporters who quickly find cybersecurity issues, such as incidents and vulnerabilities, and provide accurate information are indispensable for JPCERT/CC to engage in the series of activities necessary 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 and solve more issues rapidly. In light of these circumstances, JPCERT/CC established the Best Reporter Awards starting this fiscal year 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 examples of particularly outstanding reports with the general public.

The Best Reporter Awards are presented once a year to those who made a remarkable contribution to the activities of JPCERT/CC through information sharing in the incident reporting and vulnerability reporting categories. Award winners receive a commemorative gift as a token of appreciation. The award recipients are selected based on the number and content of incident reports for the incident reporting category, and the number and content of vulnerability information reported to JPCERT/CC or JVN for the vulnerability reporting category.

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

   Shuhei Sasada (Incident reporting category)
   Trend Micro Incorporated (Vulnerability reporting category)

Mr. Shuhei Sasada reported numerous incidents mainly related to compromised websites and phishing sites through his private activities.

Trend Micro reported many vulnerabilities in its products found both internally and externally, as part of its efforts to address vulnerabilities as a product developer. Detailed information on the presentation of the award to Trend Micro and a discussion on JPCERT/CC's thoughts on reporting vulnerabilities in one's own products can be found on JPCERT/CC Eyes, our official blog.

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

   JPCERT/CC Best Reporter Award 2021(Japanese)
   https://www.jpcert.or.jp/award/best-reporter-award/2021.html

   JPCERT/CC Eyes "2021 Best Reporter Award (Vulnerability Reporting Category) Presented to Trend Micro" (Japanese)
   https://blogs.jpcert.or.jp/ja/2021/12/best-reporter-award-2021.html