



CERT-IN PARTICIPATED IN APCERT CYBER DRILL 2022 ON “DATA BREACH THROUGH SECURITY MALPRACTICE”

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The Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (**APCERT**) today has successfully completed its annual drill to test the response capability of leading Computer Security Incident Response Teams (**CSIRT**) within the Asia Pacific economies. CERT-In participated in the APCERT drill 2022 for the sixteenth consecutive year and completed each task successfully within designated time.

In today's APCERT Cyber Drill, CERT-In played three different roles namely as Exercise Controller, as a Player and as an observer. CERT-In, as one of the exercise controllers, provided time-scheduled injects to designated APCERT Teams as well as to coordinate their feedback and responses. CERT-In, as a player, responded to simulated cyber-attack scenarios provided during the drill. CERT-In, as an observer, monitored the progress of the drill & issues, if any, at their end and facilitated drill coordination.

The theme of this year's APCERT Drill was “Data breach through security malpractice”. This exercise reflects real incidents and issues trending currently in cyber space. The participants handled a case of a data breach incident due to security malpractices. Throughout the exercise, the participating teams activated and tested their incident handling arrangements.

This drill included the need for the teams to interact locally and internationally, with CSIRTs/CERTs and targeted organizations, for coordinated suspension of malicious infrastructure, analysis of malicious code, as well as notification and assistance to affected entities. This incident response exercise, which was coordinated across economies, reflects the collaboration amongst the economies in mitigating cyber threats and validates the enhanced communication protocols, technical capabilities and quality of incident responses that APCERT fosters in assuring Internet security and safety.

25 CSIRTs/CERTs from 21 economies of APCERT and 4 CSIRTs/CERTs from 2 economies of OIC-CERT and AfricaCERT participated in the drill.
