



## CERT-IN PARTICIPATED IN APCERT CYBER DRILL 2021 ON “SUPPLY CHAIN ATTACK”

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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 2021 for the fifteenth 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 "Supply Chain Attack Through Spear-Phishing- Beware of Working from Home -" This exercise reflects real incidents and issues trending currently in cyber space. The participants handled a case of a supply chain attack triggered by spear phishing. 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 many 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 from 19 economies of APCERT participated in the drill. From the external parties, CSIRTs from 2 economies of OIC-CERT and AfricaCERT participated.

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