ASEAN-Japan International Cyber Exercise 2021



On June 24, 2021, Japan hosted the ASEAN-Japan international cyber exercise 2021. This international cyber exercise has been hosted by Japan every year since 2013. The number of participants, including players in each country, has been increasing year by year. (cf. 137 in 2019, 394 in 2020, 308 in 2021*)

Participants: Government agencies in ASEAN member states and Japan

Method: Remote (using web conferencing systems)

Objectives: Among ASEAN member states and Japan:

- (1) To improve the ability to respond to cybersecurity incidents
- (2) To strengthen coordination and cooperation
- (3) To share domestic response knowledge and know-how

Procedure: Controllers in each country facilitate the progress of the exercise.

Players exchange information on incident response domestically with relevant organizations in their respective countries, as well as internationally with other ASEAN members. At the end of the exercise, participants share their outcomes and findings.

Scenarios: (1) Cyber-attack on VPN equipment used by governments

(2) Ransomware attack on medical institutions