Recent Information Sharing Incident

The Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) is an organization of CERTs and CSIRTs working together in the Asia-Pacific Region.   APCERT members agree to support the objectives of APCERT including respecting information handling caveats for information received from APCERT members and, where possible, providing assistance to fellow APCERT teams.   The mission of APCERT is to maintain a trusted contact network of computer security experts in the Asia-Pacific region to improve the region's awareness and ability to respond to computer security incidents.

Recent media reporting has reported on the alleged independent actions taken by a member of APCERT in terms of the wider disclosure of sensitive information.   APCERT was not involved in responding or coordinating the response in this instance.   Due to the differences in policies and regulations of different teams within APCERT, any actions taken by member teams are solely done at their discretion.

The APCERT Steering Committee would like to reiterate our support and commitment to information handling and disclosure.   The mutual trust built with the APCERT members is based on the fact that information shared will only be used for incident response and mitigation.   All members of APCERT treat information shared by other members with respect and do not disclose such information to other parties.

The APCERT Steering Committee is committed to maintaining a trusted environment for all members so that APCERT can continue to be an accepted platform for CERTs and CSIRTs to share information and provide mutual assistance in the handling and resolution of cyber security incidents. We will continue to review our handling procedures and practices.

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