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APCERT CYBER DRILL 2019 “CATASTROPHIC SILENT DRAINING IN ENTERPRISE NETWORK”

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.

The theme of this year’s APCERT Drill is “Catastrophic Silent Draining in Enterprise Network.” This exercise reflects real incidents and issues that exist on the Internet. This year’s scenario was inspired by a latest security attack on an organization, which relates to the vulnerability that could allow attackers to completely take over vulnerable websites to deliver malware backdoor and cryptocurrency miners.

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26 CSIRTs from 20 economies of APCERT (Australia, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam) participated in the drill.

About APCERT

APCERT was established by leading and national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) from the economies of the Asia Pacific region to improve cooperation, response and information sharing among CSIRTs in the region. APCERT Operational Members consist of 30 CSIRTs from 21 economies. Further information about APCERT can be found at: www.apcert.org/.

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