

## **CERT-IN PARTICIPATED IN APCERT CYBER DRILL 2023 ON “DIGITAL SUPPLY CHAIN REDEMPTION”**

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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 2023 for the seventeenth 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 (EXCON), as a Player and as an Observer. CERT-In, as one of the EXCONs, coordinated feedback and responses from designated APCERT teams. CERT-In, as a player, responded to simulated cyber-attack scenarios of 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 “**Digital Supply Chain Redemption**”. This exercise reflects real incidents and issues trending currently in cyber space. The participants handled cases of supply chain attacks, ransomware & data breach incidents. Throughout the exercise, the participating teams activated and tested their incident handling arrangements.

This drill included the need for the teams to interact 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 technical capabilities and quality of incident responses that APCERT fosters in assuring Internet security and safety.

24 CSIRTs/CERTs from 21 economies of APCERT and 11 CSIRTs/CERTs from 11 economies of OIC-CERT and AfricaCERT participated in the drill.

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