



***Introduction of SIM3
training in Japan***

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CSIRT Distiller

- Since 1998
 - JPCERT/CC(1998-2002)
 - NTT-CERT,IL-CSIRT
 - NCA Board member

- Team building

- About SIM3
 - Follower since 2008
 - Certified Auditor since 2017
 - Certified Trainer since Jul.2022

Who I am?

If you want to enjoy eating in Japan,
Please call me !!

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What about SIM3 ?



Do you satisfy your team?

Can you explain it **with evidence?**

Do your **constituency and governance layer also satisfy it?**

Do you satisfy your team?

- How will the sufficiency of CSIRT to its constituency and governance layer be checked?
- How to improve the quantity and quality of CSIRT activities?



Understanding the current situation and improving your team

various viewpoint

- not only team internally
- also constituency, governance and related CSIRT

What is SIM3?

**SIM3:
Security Incident Management Maturity Model**

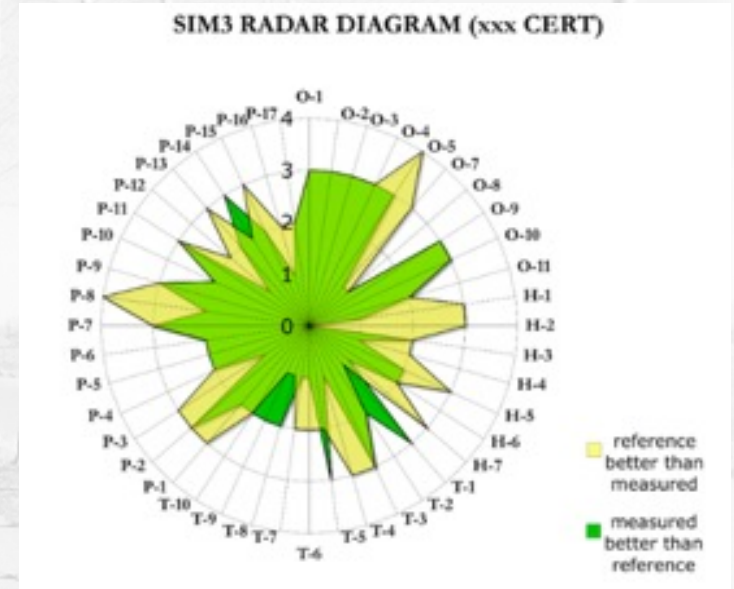
- **Developed by Don Stikvoort, one of authors of CSIRT handbook**
- **The model to help assess and improve the maturity of CSIRT management.**
- **Define levels for measuring implementation of the above parameters**



The configuration of SIM3

1. 44 parameters in 4 quadrants, Organisation, Human, Tools and Processes
2. Levels based on documentation, approval and evaluation improvements of parameters

Maturity level of SIM3	
0	not available/undefined/unaware
1	implicit, considered but not written down
2	explicit, internal, written down but not formalized in any way
3	explicit, formalized on authority of CSIRT head
4	explicit, audited on authority of governance levels above the CSIRT head



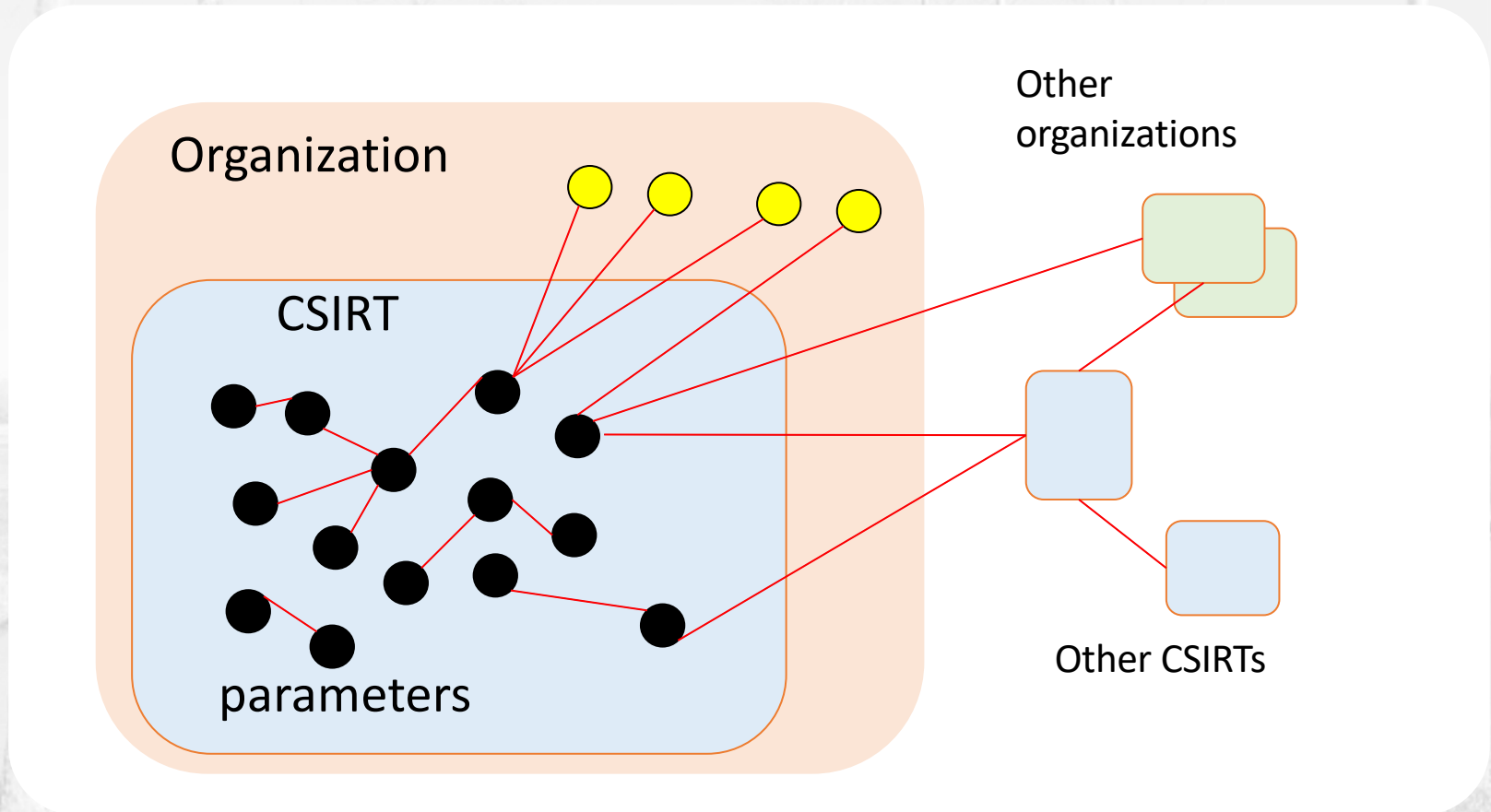
☆☆ **Not all parameters are required to be 4** ★★☆☆

Notes on SIM3 levels

The high level is not necessarily better

- **Actual activities and scope of impact**
- **Frequency of change**
- **Spendable costs of documents and procedure**

SIM3 shows issues beyond CSIRT



Quadrants of SIM3 parameters

- **Organisation**

Basic definition of the team

- **Human**

Defining member behavior, skill, so on

- **Tools**

Defining the treatment tools and information sources

- **Processes**

Common parts of a CSIRT's activities

SIM3: Organisation

Parameters to check the CSIRT's scope of defense (constituency), authority, mission, services, policy, etc.

num	parameters
O-1	mandate
O-2	constituency
O-3	authority
O-4	responsibility
O-5	Service description
O-6	Intentionally left blank
O-7	Service level description
O-8	Incident classification
O-9	Integration of existing CSIRT systems
O-10	Organisational framework
O-11	Security policy

SIM3: Human

Parameters such as behavior guidelines, staffing, skill sets, training, external linkages, etc.

Num	parameter
H-1	Code of conduct/practice/ethics
H-2	Personnel resilience
H-3	Skillset description
H-4	Internal training
H-5	External training
H-6	Communication training
H-7	External networking

SIM3: Tools

Parameters related to the various tools and in addition to some information sources used by the CSIRT

Num	parameter
T-1	IT resources list
T-2	Information sources list
T-3	consolidated e-mail system
T-4	incident tracking system
T-5	resilient phone
T-6	resilient e-mail
T-7	resilient internet access
T-8	incident prevention toolset
T-9	incident detection toolset
T-10	incident resolution toolset

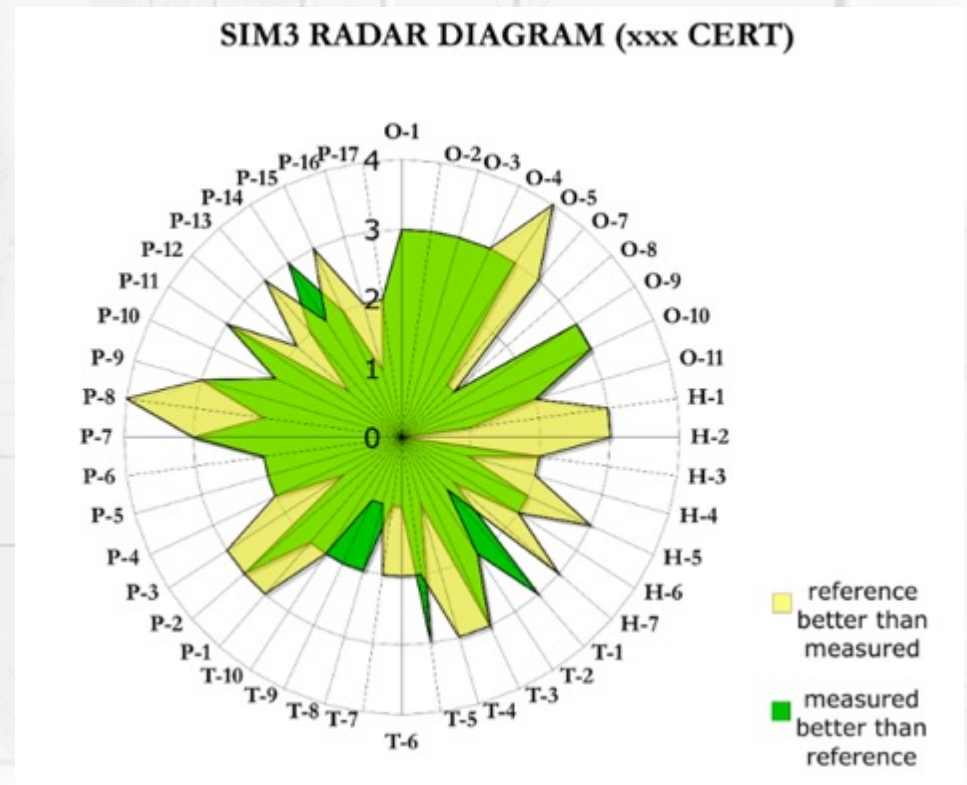
SIM3: Processes

Parameters related to CSIRT activity processes such as incident handling, escalation, management and improvement of team

Num	parameter	num	parameter
P-1	Escalation to governance level	P-10	Best practice e-mail and web presence
P-2	Escalation to press function		
P-3	Escalation to legal function	P-11	Secure information handling process
P-4	Incident prevention process	P-12	Information sources process
P-5	Incident detection process	P-13	Outreach process
P-6	Incident resolution process	P-14	Reporting process
P-7	Specific incident process	P-15	Statistics process
P-8	Audit/feedback process	P-16	Meeting process
P-9	Emergency reachability process	P-17	Peer-to-peer process

SIM3 radar diagram

- diagram showing the level of each SIM3 parameter
- easy to identify team's strengths and issues for improvement



What is a matured CSIRT?

The quality of the services is stable

**Team has the resources (operation, environment, etc.)
to carry out the necessary activities**

**It does not evaluate advanced technical skills
or the ability to handle huge volumes**

Usage examples



example 1 : certified teams of TF-CSIRT

TF-CSIRT evaluates the members who wish to be by SIM3

It certifies organisations that meet the criteria as a '**certified team**'

Certified teams in TF-CSIRT(on Jul. 28, 2022)	
Public organisation	9
Research and educational Institutions	6
ISP	4
others	7
Total	26

<https://www.trusted-introducer.org/directory/teams.html>

example 2 :national CSIRTs in EU by ENISA

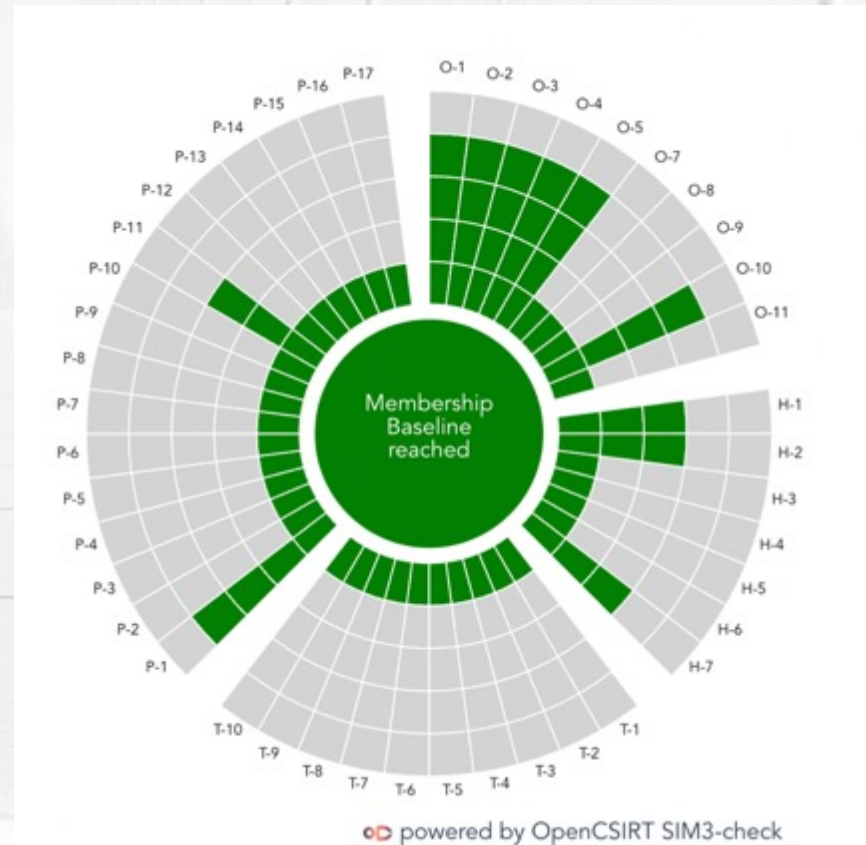
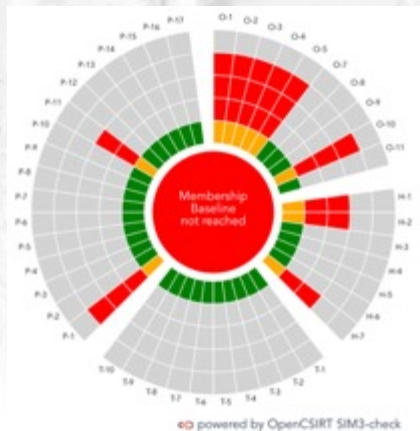
European Union Agency for Cybersecurity(ENISA) developed documents for national CSIRT maturity step-up by SIM3.

- Objective: Improve the maturity of national CSIRTs in EU countries
- Methods: Self-check and pair-check methods



FIRST: self-checking for joining

Self-assessment of 11 out of 44 SIM3 parameters at a certain level or above.



Self-check parameters for FIRST joining

Num	parameter
O-1	mandate
O-2	constituency
O-3	authority
O-4	responsibility
O-5	Service description
O-10	Organisational framework
H-1	Code of conduct/practice/ethics
H-2	Personnel resilience
H-7	External networking
P-1	Escalation to governance level
P-11	Secure information handling process

SIM3 self assessment tool

OCF web site serves online tool for SIM3 assessment

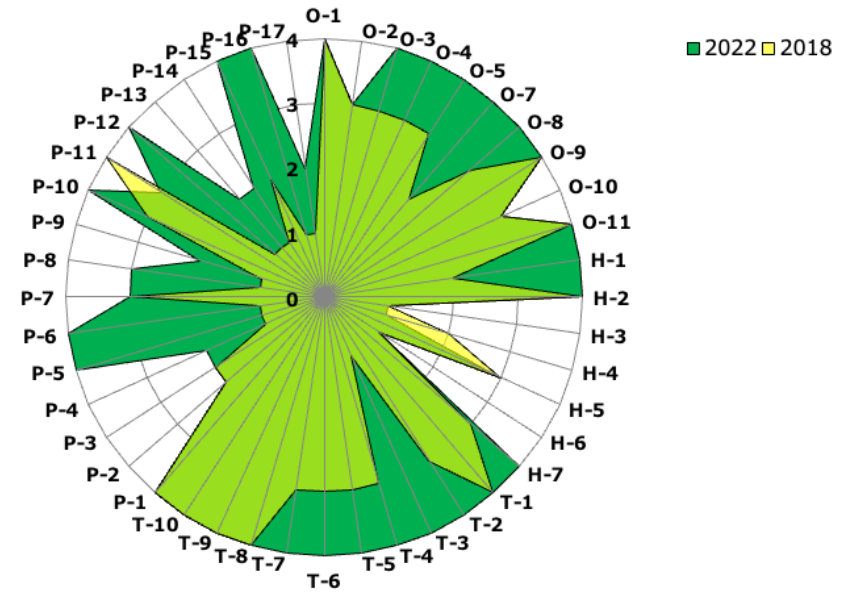
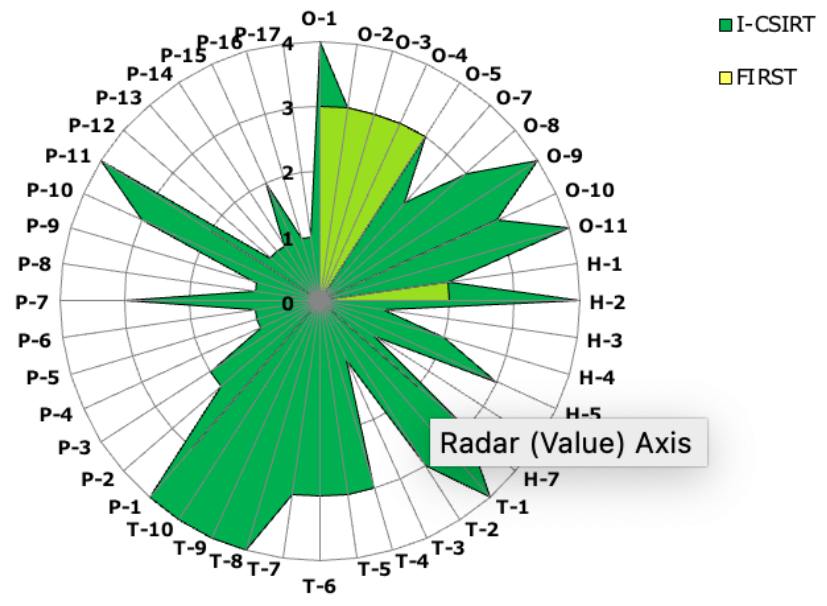
<https://sim3-check.opencsirt.org/#/>

The screenshot shows the SIM3 self-assessment tool interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Open CSIRT Foundation logo and various utility links like 'ライセンス', 'マニュアルを見る', and '配色'. A 'Language Selection' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for '組織', '人材', 'ツール', and 'プロセス'. The main content area is titled 'SIM3評価URL' and includes a section for selecting a SIM3 profile (FIRST加入ベースライン, ENISA/GCMF 基礎, ENISA/GCMF 中級, ENISA/GCMF 上級). A 'Language Selection' dropdown menu is also shown in a callout box, listing 'Deutsch', 'English', 'Azerbaijani', and 'Japanese' (which is highlighted in blue). At the bottom, there is a circular radar chart showing assessment results for various parameters (P-1 to P-17, O-1 to O-11, H-1 to H-7) and a 'Membership Baseline not reached' message.

SIM3 Use and Assessment Cases

- Use of support for Creating & Development of CSIRTs
 - Not use all parameters
 - Not use Levels
 - Useful
- Almost every year assessment
 - Interview to a representative and manager
 - Find gaps and challenges
 - Assessment report, not only levels also gap analysis

Comparison



SIM3 Trainings



OCF SIM3 auditor training

**3-day course (from 9 to 17 except last day)
with certification test**

- **consist of all quadrants and level**
- **test is held in the afternoon of the last day**
- **some lectures,
mainly exercises
and discussions**



The image shows a screenshot of the Open CSIRT Foundation website. The header features the OCF logo (a stylized 'O' and 'C' in orange and blue) and the text 'Open CSIRT Foundation'. To the right of the logo are navigation links: 'OCF', 'PROJECTS', 'MATURITY', 'EVENTS', and 'CONTACT'. Below the header is a photograph of a person's hands writing in a notebook with a red pen, with a laptop and other writing tools visible on the desk. Below the photograph, the text reads: 'SIM3 Certified Auditor training' followed by a paragraph: 'From 4 - 6 July 2022, the Open CSIRT Foundation (OCF) will organise the next 3-day training to become a **Certified SIM3 Auditor** - live in Dublin, Ireland. See below for details.'

OCF SIM3 training

Seminar in Japan in 2019



OCF SIM3 training

Seminar in Ireland in 2022

**In this seminar,
3 trainer were certified
with auditors**



Self Assessment Training

Training objectives

- To learn how to assess the situation of your team using SIM3

Specific learning content:

- the composition and activities of CSIRT operation and management
- key concepts to be decided and implemented
- assessment based on data and evidence

Auditor training and assessment training

Auditor training :

- certifying OCF certified auditors
- mainly, discussion and sharing experience

Assessment training :

- developing people who can evaluate their own organization
- mainly, lecture of key concepts, issues and precautions, and have them practise using SIM3

Timetable of Assessment training

Day 1.

- Warm-up exercise: ice-breaking
- CSIRT forms and components of activities
Overview of SIM3
- Organisation quadrant

Day 2.

- Human quadrant
- Tools quadrant
- Process quadrant

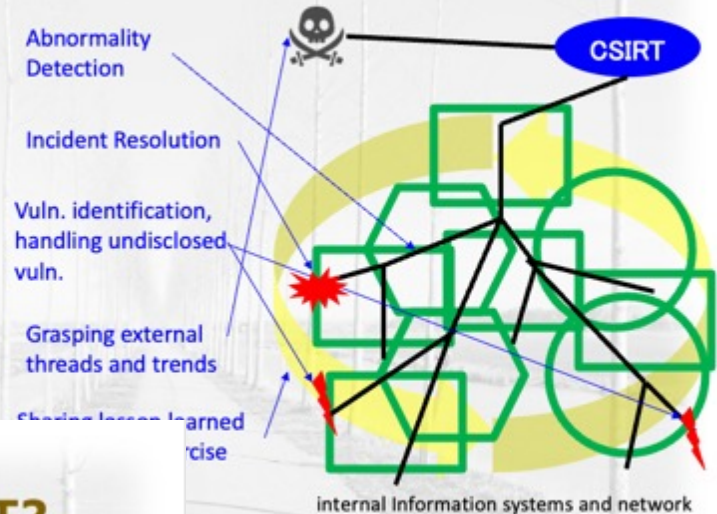
Day 3.

- Assessment of levels
- Assessment Exercise
- Summary

Contents

CSIRT shape and composition

- Event management
- Incident management
- Vulnerability management
- Situational awareness



What are activities and tasks of a CSIRT?

1. Provisioning activities for the Constituency

2. External cooperation activities

Core
competence

3. Activities to optimise services

Organisational
optimisation

4. Activities to optimise the role of the CSIRT within their organisation

5. Working as an department within a organisation
(without CSIRT features)

SIRT_Services_Framework_v2.1.0_ja.pdf

Outline of a quadrant

Keypoints of Organisation quadrant

- Definition of CSIRT as an team and in their organisation
- CSIRT should be recognized by management, law, etc., and determine a framework of mission, constituency and authority
- Define services, SLAs, incident classification, policies and relationships with relevant CSIRTs
- Combine them in one document (CSIRT Definition (Charter))

Defining the CSIRT framework

SIM3 成熟項目:組織

上位層による承認やCSIRTの守備範囲(コンスティチュエンシ)、責任範囲、権限等を確認するための10の成熟項目

項番	項目	概要
O-1	任命	上位のマネジメント層からCSIRTメンバに任命されているか
O-2	コンスティチュエンシ	CSIRTの「クライアント」、CSIRTが守る部署や対象機器など
O-3	権限	CSIRTの目的を達成する為に、コンスティチュエンシに対して実施することが認められている行為
O-4	責任	CSIRTの目的を達成する為に、コンスティチュエンシに対して行うことが期待されていること
O-5	役務	CSIRTとして行う活動とその提供法を決めること
O-6	【なし】	
O-7	約款(SLA)	CSIRTが提供する役務の期待されるレベルを決めること
O-8	インシデント分類体系	インシデントの記録時に利用可能な分類体系とその適用法
O-9	CSIRT間連携	既存の他CSIRTと適切に構築された協力関係における位置付けや役割を決めること
O-10	組織体系	CSIRTを統括する文書にO-1からO-9を全て整合させること
O-11	セキュリティポリシー	CSIRTの運用に関わるセキュリティ体系を決めること

O-8: example of description

The incident classification shall be as follows. The classification shall be reviewed as necessary.

- Receipt of suspicious emails (excluding dissemination-type attack emails)
- Suspicious access
- Unauthorised relay of server
- Intrusion into internal systems and internal network equipment
- Attacks leading to denial of service (DoS)
- Infection with computer viruses, worms or other malware
- leakage of information due to employee negligence or deliberate intent
- Other

O-3: if the authority is not fixed?

What bothers you? Not troubling?

CSIRTs cannot fulfil their responsibilities

- **Cannot quarantine from NW to stop infection**

CSIRTs are forced accountability they are not responsible

- **Who makes the decision to shut down commercial servers when a serious vulnerability is disclosed?**

Future plans

Hold Auditor training in Japan

- Targetting Feb. 2023

Improve and develop assessment training

- Development and implementation of online teaching materials
- Translating into English and implementation abroad

Effect of evaluate by SIM3

simply self-check by SIM3

- Getting some analytical bases to improve teams
 - maturity issues
 - not maturity issues
- being aware of comprehensive conditions
 - CSIRT
 - enterprise viewpoint

We plan to make materials and examples for supporting self-check and raising the level of CSIRTs

At last,

There is a famous Chinese strategist words,

***If you know your enemies and know yourself,
you will not be warried in a hundred battles.***

CSIRTs network share enemies information from the beginning.

**We want to share how to know ourselves
for become not to be warried**

Thank you for your listening

Q&A

Dizekuje
Dank u well
Danke shoen
Merci beaucoup
ありがとうございます