Strategy and Structure to Counter Threats in Cyberspace

Police responsibilities and authorities under the Police Act and other relevant laws include those in relation to cyberspace.

Since dealing with threats in cyberspace has become a major problem for all police divisions, it is necessary to strengthen capabilities of police under a unified strategy.

A. Cybersecurity Strategy of the Japanese Police

In response to the changing situation in cyberspace, the NPA formulated a new cybersecurity strategy to deal with threats in cyberspace in order to build a system which makes the best use of human and material resources of the police on a cross-divisional basis to appropriately correspond to changes in the social situation, and to tackle such threats through proactive and active efforts. Matters of consideration of the strategy are as follows:

- Proactive measures based on analyses of changes in situation
- Collaboration among multi-stakeholders
- Cross-border & cross-organizational cooperation

B. Structure

To this end, the NPA, as the leader of all countermeasures against threats in cyberspace, established the Director-General for Cyber Security and the Director for Cyber Security to organize and coordinate various cyber-related initiatives.

NPA-attached organizations, regional police bureaus and prefectural police headquarters designate their senior officers as chief cybersecurity officers to facilitate cross-divisional coordination on situational awareness and various resources.
Cybersecurity Strategy of the Japanese Police

- Mitigating threats in cyberspace
- Enhancing response capabilities against threats in cyberspace
- Strengthening the organizational foundation to deal with threats in cyberspace

[Matters of Consideration]
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Structure for Cyber Security

- Director-General for Cyber Security
  - Director for Cyber Security (coordination)
    - Director Information Management
    - Director Cybercrime
    - Director Counter Cyber Attacks
    - Director High-Tech Crime Technology
      - 47 Prefectural Police Information Security
      - 47 Prefectural Police Cybercrime Investigation
      - 14 Prefectural Police Anti-Cyber-Attack
      - 7 Regional Bureaus and 2 Info-Comm. Dept. High-Tech Crime Technology