

2. Police Efforts

To address cyberthreats, the police clarify cyberattacks utilizing wide range of information. Moreover, the police have been advancing cooperation with local governments to enhance cybersecurity in the community through, for example, the promotion of information sharing and the holding of lectures.

In 2020, the police conducted the following measures.

- Warnings for critical infrastructure operators

The police have been issuing alerts about cyberattacks on critical infrastructure operators, etc., and in 2020, issued warnings to pharmaceutical companies about cyberattacks related to COVID-19 vaccine development, and to critical infrastructure operators about vulnerabilities in online conference systems and IT infrastructure management software.

- Warnings about the illicit transfer methods on the smartphone payment services

Regarding smartphone payment services, in cooperation with the Financial Services Agency and other stakeholders the police issued warnings about crime methods of the illegal obtaining and external integration of user data of accounts opened at affiliated banks, and illegal transfers (charging of balances).

- Partnership enhancement among diverse stakeholders through the establishment of an industry-government-academia Cybersecurity Council

The Miyagi prefectural police department has been advancing cooperation with Miyagi prefectural government through the establishment of the Miyagi Cybersecurity Council composed of total 118 stakeholders including critical infrastructure operators, business operators and organizations, cybersecurity companies and educational institutions to enhance cybersecurity in the community through the promotion of information sharing and the holding of lectures.

