

OPERATION CYBER GUARDIAN

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE OPERATION FOR THE INTENSIVE CRACKDOWN ON ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CRIMES

6 countries and 1 region collaborated to conduct intensive crackdowns on OCSEA and others

OPERATION RESULTS

- **Period:**
March 23 to April 17, 2026
- **Participating Countries and Region:**
6 countries/1 region
Japan, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, Hong Kong, Brunei, and Malaysia
- **Number of Suspects Investigated**
445 Suspects
Aged Between 12 and 72; 430 Males /15 Females
- **Location Raided:**
382 Locations
- **Seized Electronic Devices:**
116 PCs, 340 Mobile Phones, 25 Tablets, 140 Storage Devices, 16 Routers

INVESTIGATIONS



JAPAN'S INITIATIVES

NPA designated this operation period as the “**Period for Strengthening International Cooperation on the Combating of Child Pornography**”, during which prefectural police intensively and independently promoted various proactive measures to crack down on online child sexual exploitation crimes in Japan, in addition to investigations based on information about CSAM and others provided by other countries.

RESULTS OF THE PERIOD FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE COMBATING OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IN JAPAN

Number of Suspects Investigated

99 Suspects
Aged Between 14 and 72
95 Males / 4 Females

Charged Crimes

Public Display, Production, Possession, Provision, and Retention of Child Pornography, Child Prostitution, Penetrative Sexual Assault, etc.

Examples of Occupations

Organization Employees,
Local Government Officials,
Company Executives, Office Workers,
Students
(University, High School, and Junior
High School Students, etc.)

Location Raided

131 Locations

Seized Electronic Devices

45 PCs, 101 Mobile phones,
16 Tablets, 49 Storage Devices

EXAMPLES OF CASE SUMMARY

- An unemployed man (in his 60s) made child pornography available to an unspecified number of users via file-sharing software on the Internet.
- A former male employee of a children's daycare facility (in his 40s) targeted a girl under the age of 10 who utilized the facility. He kidnapped the victim by luring her to his residence for indecent purposes, committed an indecent act, and furthermore, recorded the situation on a smartphone, leading to charges of kidnapping for indecency, indecent assault, and the production of child pornography.
- A male public high school teacher (in his 20s) committed an indecent act against a teenage girl at his residence and recorded the situation on a smartphone, resulting in a case involving the production of child pornography.
- An unemployed man (in his 20s) committed indecent acts against teenage girls living with him and filmed videos of the acts, resulting in a case involving the violations of the Child Welfare Act, penetrative assault, sexual filming, and production of child pornography.

MISSION AND VISION

Further strengthen international cooperation and promote effective enforcement against child sexual exploitation crimes.

