What is the Specific Personal Information Protection Commission doing?

Specific Personal Information Protection Assessments

- Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment is one of the measures taken by the heads of Administrative Bodies, local governments, etc. who intend to keep Specific Personal Information Files, in order to evaluate the danger and impact of the occurrence of situations, such as the leakage of Specific Personal Information, to prevent the occurrences, and to manage Specific Personal Information properly. The assessment is aimed at preventing the leakage of Specific Personal Information beforehand and ensuring citizen's trust.
- Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment is equivalent to Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), which has already been adopted in many countries and introduced as a statutory system for the first time in Japan.
- The Specific Personal Information Protection Commission has published "Rules and Guidelines for Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment."

STEPS

Before keeping Specific Personal Information Files;

Required assessment is decided by following three factors

- (1) the amount of Specific Personal Information that is to be recorded in the Specific Personal Information File
- (2) the number of persons who engage in affairs handling the Specific Personal Information File
- (3) the past situation whether or not a severe incident concerning Specific Personal Information had occurred

Basic Assessment

Focused Assessment

Full Assessment*

- * Administrative Organs, etc. shall consult widely for public opinions and be approved by the Specific Personal Information Protection Commission
- \star Local government agencies, etc. shall consult widely for citizens' opinions and be checked by a third party

Assessment Report shall be submitted to the Specific Personal Information Protection Commission and published.

Public Relations and Enlightenment

To enlighten the public on the importance of Specific Personal Information protection, the Specific Personal Information Protection Commission publicizes its activities widely by disclosing websites, distributing brochures, holding briefing sessions, and dispatching lecturers, including the outline of the Commission, Rules, and Guidelines for Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment.

The Number System Mascot

The mascot, a rabbit holding a number, was created for publicity and awareness activities so that citizens become familiar with the Number System.





Seminar for the local government employees

For more details, please visit: http://www.ppc.go.jp/en/

International Cooperation

The Specific Personal Information Protection Commission promote cooperation with foreign authorities. In addition, the Commission engages gathering international trend surrounding number system and personal information protection that would help the Commission's activity, by attending international conferences, exchange views, and sharing information with foreign authorities.





Chairman Horibe at the OECD Working Party

Discussion with guests from overseas

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