

FY2026 Personal Information Protection Commission (PPC) Activity Policy (Summary)

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Personal Information Protection Commission (PPC)

The PPC hereby sets out this policy to guide its activities for the period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 (FY2026), in order to appropriately fulfill its role as the central authority of the personal information protection system, according to its Basic Policy on the Protection of Personal Information, Organizational Philosophy of Personal Information Protection Commission, and Global Strategy of the Personal Information Protection Commission. By effectively coordinating policies and overseeing the implementation of the system, the PPC aims to protect individuals' rights and interests, and ultimately ensure the proper handling of personal information as well as the safety and security of the general public. This policy also seeks to communicate the direction of these activities to the public, with the goal of fostering the PPC into a commission that earns and maintains public trust.

I. Basic Approach

➤ Act on the Protection of Personal Information

- In light of international trends related to the protection of personal information, advances in information and communications technology, and the creation and development of new industries that use personal information, the PPC will proceed with the planning and formulating national policies on personal information, etc., including actions in response to the Triennial Review Provision of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (referred to below as the "APPI").
- To ensure proper handling of personal information, etc., the PPC will exercise appropriate, effective, and efficient supervision over domestic and foreign businesses handling personal or other related information while conducting proactive investigations as well as effective and efficient monitoring of administrative entities. The PPC will also actively engage in information dissemination and publicity on measures for managing the security of personal data, etc., to businesses handling personal or other related information and administrative entities.

➤ MY NUMBER Act

- To ensure proper handling of Specific Personal Information, the PPC will conduct appropriate, effective, and efficient monitoring and supervision, revise guidelines, etc. as necessary, and actively engage in information dissemination and publicity.
- As regards the Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment, the PPC will operate according to the purpose and provisions of the MY NUMBER Act while reviewing the Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment Guidelines.
- The PPC will actively promote initiatives that contribute to the increased use of information linkages for processes specified by Prefectural/Municipal Ordinance using MY NUMBER.

➤ International Cooperation

- For the purpose of promoting and operationalizing Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT) in the field of personal information protection and privacy, the PPC does not take an exclusive approach, but aims at realizing an international environment with interoperability, while respecting the diverse personal information protection systems and international frameworks of relevant countries and regions, as well as taking into account the needs of businesses.

II. Specific Initiatives (Activity Policy for FY2026)

➤ Act on the Protection of Personal Information

1. Response to Triennial Review Provision

- The PPC will make necessary arrangements for submitting the Amendment Bill of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, etc. to the Diet and the enactment process including deliberation at the Diet. After the bill is enacted, the PPC will take necessary steps to ensure the smooth enforcement of the “Amendment Act following the Triennial Review”.

2. Forums for Continuous Exchange of Opinions with Experts and Stakeholders

- The PPC will hold the Conference on Personal Information Protection Policy and strive to grasp trends in the protection and utilization of personal information, technological developments including AIs, and other issues, to contribute to the examination of overall personal information protection policies.

3. Initiatives for the Smooth and Appropriate Application of the APPI in Administrative Entities

- The PPC will provide administrative entities with a wide range of support, including providing advice and consultation and enhancing practical training sessions.

4. Monitoring and Supervision Activities

- The PPC will exercise its monitoring and supervision authority, including the provision of guidance, advice, and recommendations as necessary, with respect to reports involving leakage etc. and information received through the Inquiry Line for the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and other channels. For cases in which its authority has been exercised, the PPC will publish summaries, etc. of individual cases on a quarterly basis, and for cases where disclosure is deemed necessary, the PPC will publish more detailed information. The PPC will also issue warnings with respect to incidents related to specific sectors or categories, as necessary.
- For administrative entities, the PPC will conduct planned firsthand inspections, implementation status surveys, and publish summaries of the results. The PPC will also provide guidance, advice, and recommendations, as necessary.

5. Utilizing of Personal Information, etc.

- The PPC will continue to operate the PPC Business Support Desk, provide support for initiatives of Certified Organizations, and study and discuss voluntary initiatives by the businesses.
- The PPC will conduct a research on the status of initiatives in administrative entities associated with the use of personal information.

➤ Common Matters

1. Collaboration with Relevant Ministries and Agencies in Specific Policy Areas

- The PPC will take necessary actions, including giving advice to relevant ministries and agencies, regarding the measures for the handling of personal information, etc. and Specific Personal Information implemented by each ministry and agency.

2. Response to Inquiries and Complaints, etc. from the General Public

- The PPC will appropriately respond to inquiries and complaints regarding the handling of personal information, etc. and Specific Personal Information and promote the use of information obtained through the efforts.

3. Publicity and Awareness-Raising Activities

- The PPC will utilize various media to widely disseminate information to diverse stakeholders.
- The PPC will intensify outreach classes and conduct research and study of educational contents.

4. Development and Securing of Human Resources

- The PPC will develop a technical framework for the strategic advancement of planning and development of policy measures.
- The PPC will implement various human resource programs, such as seconding official to other ministries and agencies, dispatching official to specialized external training, and supporting official in taking examinations for qualification.

5. Promotion of Digital Transformation (DX)

- The PPC will strive to enhance the value-added productivity and sustainability of its operation to envision the ideal optimized state of framework, operations, and systems.

➤ MY NUMBER Act

1. Monitoring and Supervision Activities

- The PPC will exercise its monitoring and supervision authority, including the provision of guidance, advice, and recommendations, as necessary, with respect to cases, etc. involving inappropriate handling of Specific Personal Information identified through continuous monitoring and other means. For cases in which its authority has been exercised, the PPC will publish summaries, etc. of individual cases on a quarterly basis, and for cases where disclosure is deemed necessary, the PPC will publish more detailed information.
- The PPC will conduct periodical inspections of administrative organs and incorporated administrative agencies or other prescribed corporations.
- The PPC will determine whether there have been any past incidents involving leakage of Personal Information etc. or similar issues at local governments, etc., and conduct on-site inspections. Furthermore, the PPC will grasp the status of the implementation of measures for managing the security of personal data through periodical reports received from local governments etc.

2. Protection Assessment

- The PPC will advance discussions for reviewing the Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment Guidelines so as to enable a protection assessment to be conducted more effectively and efficiently according to the associated risks while also taking into consideration the burden on assessment-implementing organizations.

3. Information linkages for Processes Specified by Prefectural/Municipal Ordinance using MY NUMBER

- The PPC will implement various measures to promote the use of information linkages for processes specified by Prefectural/Municipal Ordinance using MY NUMBER.

➤ International Cooperation

1. Developing an International Environment for the Secure and Seamless Cross-Border Transfer of Personal Information

- To promote and operationalize DFFT, the PPC aims to develop of an international environment that allows businesses to transfer personal information across borders securely and seamlessly, enabling them to choose the most suitable cross-border transfer scheme from multiple options according to their need.

2. Strengthening International Cooperative Relationships with Relevant Countries and Regions and Developing New Ones

- The PPC will participate in the global policy-making discussions and work towards strengthening and building cross-border enforcement cooperation and bilateral and multilateral cooperative relationships.

3. Monitoring International Developments and Public Communication

- The PPC will actively monitor the latest international developments and incorporate them into its policy-making process. Furthermore, the PPC will intensify efforts for the dissemination of information both domestically and internationally by such means as social media accounts to ensure that businesses can utilize it.

4. Strengthening Institutional Foundations and Human Resource Development

- To support initiatives in the area of international cooperation, the PPC will strengthen the institutional foundation of the international affairs teams and focus on human resource development.