

## Apology and Announcement

### Reopening of the SIRA website

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Sendai International Relations Association

We appreciate your usage of the Sendai International Relations Association Website.

As we discovered that some of the SIRA website was hacked by an intruder, we have disabled the SIRA homepage since the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at approximately 7:30pm. Since then, we have inspected and reformed our internet usage, and have reopened part of SIRA website today. In future, we will give better security on our websites, and are planning to reopen the entire website in the beginning of March.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause long term. We will make all possible efforts to prevent a reoccurrence and provide reliable information. Thank you for your continued patronage.

#### 1. Timeframe of when the SIRA website was hacked by an intruder.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010 at approximately 4:40pm ~ The 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010 at approximately 7:30pm

#### 2. The website which was hacked by an intruder

The webpage about SIRA and the International Center

#### 3. What occurred in relation to the hacking

If you viewed the SIRA webpage during the period shown above, you may have been taken to another website. If you did not have sufficient antivirus software, there is a possibility that you may have a computer virus. After our inspection of the files hacked by an intruder, we have concluded that it was caused by a variant of the "Gumblar" virus.

If you noticed something unusual, please run a virus check using security software. You can download free security software from the following site:

#### 4. The method for checking your computer files

Online scan (Trendmicro)

[http://www.trendflexsecurity.jp/housecall/index.html?WT.ac=JPclusty\\_onlinecan](http://www.trendflexsecurity.jp/housecall/index.html?WT.ac=JPclusty_onlinecan)

Symantec security check (Symantec)

<http://security.symantec.com/sscv6/default.asp?productid=symhome&langid=jp&venid=sym>