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(ISC)²® Launches First Country-Specific Credential to Meet Growing Demand for Qualified Information Security Professionals

Japan Government Information Security Professional (JGISP^{CM}) to Replace CISSP-ISSJP and Become Stand-Alone Credential

Tokyo, Sept. 3, 2009 – (ISC)²® (“ISC-squared”), the not-for-profit global leader in educating and certifying information security professionals throughout their careers, today announced it will offer its first country-specific, stand-alone credential, the Japan Government Information Security Professional (JGISP). JGISP is designed to validate a candidate’s knowledge, skills and abilities in IT security, especially focused on the government environment and regulations in Japan. (ISC)² developed the JGISP through a partnership with the Japan Network Security Association (JNSA), a non-profit organization that promotes network security standardization in Japan. (ISC)² will begin offering the JGISP examination on September 13 and official JGISP CBK[®] Review Seminar on November 5 and 6th, 2009.

Recent research from around the globe has shown a trend in the shortage of IT security professionals, as well as an increased need for industry professionals. Under the execution program of “Information Security Basic Plan II” issued by the National Information Security Center (NISC) of Japan Government in February 2009, the position of Chief Information Security Adviser will be placed at all government ministries in order to improve security management at PDCA (“Plan-Do-Check-Act”) cycle. As the importance of securing the government has increased, so has the IT environment. To ensure the quality of not only government employees, but also contractors, qualified employees are becoming top priority. The JGISP is an ideal credential for nurturing the information security workforce for the government sector in Japan.

“Governments around the world are facing an information security workforce crisis,” said W. Hord Tipton, CISSP-ISSEP, CAP, CISA, executive director of (ISC)². “After thorough research of the Japanese market, we believed a credential that focuses on the requirements specific to professionals in government security fields would be a more effective means to meet the particular needs for a highly qualified, ethical information security workforce in Japan. Thanks to the assistance from JNSA, we were



able to develop a credential that suits the Japanese government’s needs.”

Details of the JGISP requirements are as follows:

Name - JGISP	
Experience Requirement	Two years in one of four domains. There are NO waivers for educational degree holders.
Domains	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organizations and Policies/Systems: Overview of IT security-related government organizations, agencies and their structures in Japan. Understanding of how policies/standards are developed in Japan. 2. Laws and Regulations: Laws and regulations in the IT security sector in Japan. 3. Ethics and Customs: Japan-specific ethics standards and commercial customs; foster the understanding of laws and regulations in Japan. 4. Technology: Technology specifically deployed in central and local governments, overview of IT networks and infrastructure in government environment in Japan.
Credential Term	Three Years
Continuing Professional Education Credits (CPEs)	60 CPEs over the three-year term Minimum of 40 Type A CPEs Minimum of 10 Type A CPEs per year must be earned Maximum of 20 Type B CPEs
Exam Pricing	Standard Retail Price is 52,500 JPY
Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF)	10,500 JPY /year

For more details in Japanese, please visit http://www.isc2.org/japan/other_jgisp.html

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