Report

Japan is Golden Target for Ransomware – Attacks to Japanese Enterprises Are Increasing

Japan is targeting from cybercriminals in the world. Especially, it can be said Ransomware attacks are targeting Japan. The PC compromised by Ransomware is locked or encrypted and the attacker demands payment for system recovery. According to Kaspersky's Research, Italy was No.1 in the ratio of Ransomware-detected users in Q1 of 2016 and reached 3.06% by a significant margin from other countries, but Q2 showed a decrease in the no. of Ransomware attacks. On the other hand, Japan became No. 1 place in Q2 with a sharp increase by 1.29 points and reached 2.40% which is higher some 1 point than the second place. Also, it should be noted that the no. of attacks detected by other than pattern matching predominantly increased and the total no. of attacks detected increased in Q2 as compared with Q1. Just for Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Locky, the no. of detected users in Japan was 16,798 which was twice higher than the second place "India" (8,013).

Rintaro Kawai, President of Kaspersky Japan, said about the background of Ransomware attack increase in Japan "The mindset of Japan can not follow to the reality." Traditionally, Japan is a special language area and malware comes in Japan after the proliferation in the world, but now Japan is becoming a high-priority easy-to-attack county because Japan's low security recognition in user mindset. In fact, according to Kaspersky's research, fewer than 90% of Japanese answered "No" and "Unaware or Do Not know" to the question "Do you think you are targeted in cyberattacks or cybercriminals (No. of Effective Responses in Japan: 497: Survey conducted in August 2016 for 12,546 persons with age over 16 in 21 countries). Also, Kaspersky's research observed that the ratio of consumers in the no. of attack targets decreased by 4 points in Q2 as compared with Q1 and the ratio of enterprises and government organizations increased accordingly.