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Announcement and apology for a suspicious e-mail spoofing Hirata group caused by malware infection

Hirata Corporation would like to inform you that we have confirmed that a suspicious e-mail with malware (computer virus) has been sent by our group.

1. Occurrences

We have confirmed that a computer which our employee uses has been infected by malware and a suspicious e-mail was sent both internally and externally in the name of the employee.

2. Cause of occurrence

We are under investigation for the detailed cause.

3. Current situation

We have identified where the suspicious e-mail was sent and contacted them to be careful.

We have not received any reports of damage from the recipients of the e-mail as of November 26, 2021.

4. Future actions

We do not expect this matter to have any impact on our business performance as of now, but we will disclose informaton timely if, after further investigaton, it is determined that impact beyond a certain level is expected.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to you, and we take action to prevent a recurrence of such an incident.