

● Operation of the Internet Hotline Center in the first half of 2023

Since April 2021, Siimple has been commissioned by the National Police Agency to operate the "Internet Hotline Center," which receives reports of illegal information, information closely related to significant crimes and suicide-inducing information on the Internet, reports the information to the police, and requests providers and electronic forum administrators (hereinafter "providers") to delete the information.

In addition, the Internet Hotline Center requests providers to handle information closely related to significant crimes and suicide-inducing information in accordance with contracts with users and terms of service.

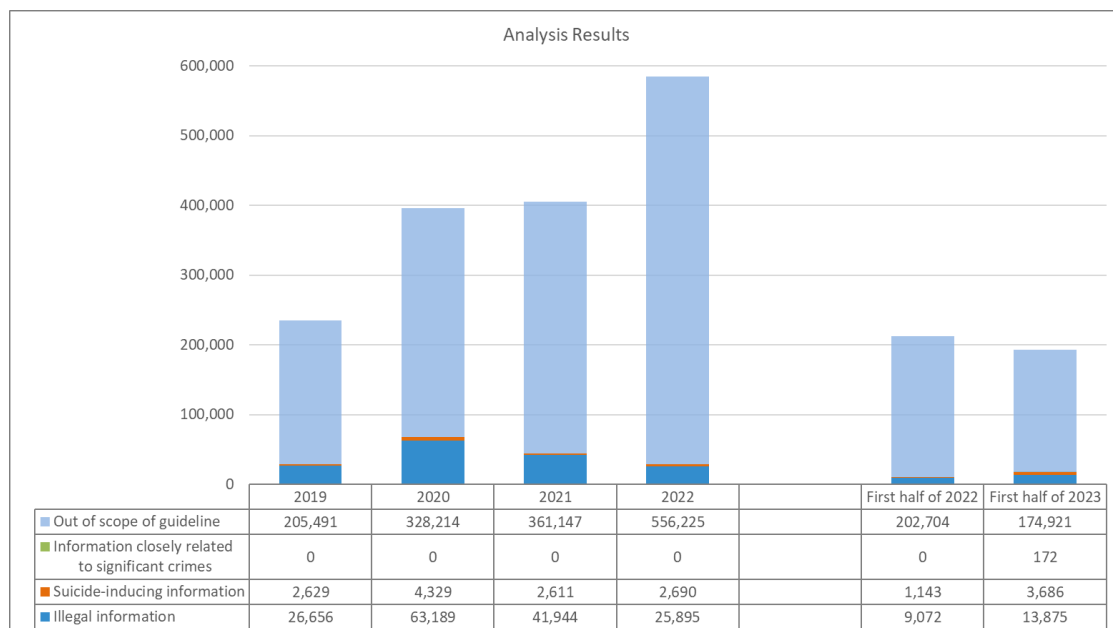
The operation of receiving and analyzing reports of information closely related to significant crimes started on February 15, 2023.

● Total Number of Reports Received • • • 192,591

We have received 192,591 reports from January to June in 2023.

● Analysis Results

Analysis of the 192,591 reports resulted in 192,654 cases recognized based on the hotline operational guideline.



1. Breakdown of Analysis Results and Year-to-Year Differences

	First half of 2023		Year-to-year
	Number of cases	Ratio	Number of cases
Illegal information	13,875	7.2%	+4,803
Information closely related to significant crimes	172	0.1%	-
Suicide-inducing information	3,686	1.9%	+2,543
Others	174,921	90.8%	-27,783
Total	192,654	100.0%	-20,437

- ※ The percentage of total cases is rounded to the first decimal place, so the total of each column may not equal 100%
- ※ Since the analysis of information closely related to significant crimes started on February 15, 2023, there are no statistics for the previous year.
- ※ The total number of received reports and the total number of analyzed results are not in agreement since two or more illegal information(materials) may be contained in a report.

1-1. Reports judged as illegal information • • • 13,875

	Number of cases	Domestic	Abroad
Publicly displaying obscene images	6,141	1,389	4,752
Publicly displaying child sexual abuse images	1,154	239	915
Inducement for the purpose of prostitution	138	3	135
Inducement in violation of online dating sites regulation law	0	0	0
Publicly inciting or soliciting the commission of a drug offense or the abuse of a controlled substance	125	0	125
Advertisements of controlled substances	2,765	20	2,745
Advertisements of designated substances	8	0	8
Advertisements of products suspected to be designated substances	0	0	0
Advertisements of drugs before approval, regarding New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)	0	0	0
Solicitation or inducement of transfer of bank books, etc.	2,643	3	2,640
Solicitation or inducement of anonymous rental or transfer of mobile phone without notice	11	1	10

Act of illegally requesting input of identification codes, namely phishing fraud	890	11	879
Act of promoting illegal access	0	0	0
Total	13,875	1,666	12,209

1-2. Reports judged as information closely related to significant crimes: 172

	Number of cases	Domestic	Abroad
Transfer of handguns, etc.	3 (3)	1 (1)	2 (2)
Manufacture of explosives, firearms, etc.	6 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)
Murder, robbery, non-consensual sexual intercourse, etc., arson, kidnapping, assault, arrest, confinement, intimidation	157 (128)	11 (0)	146 (128)
Organ trafficking	5 (5)	0 (0)	5 (5)
Human trafficking	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Production of hydrogen sulfide gas	1 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)
Stalking, etc.	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total	172 (136)	19 (1)	153 (135)

1-3. Reports judged as suicide-inducing information: 3,686

	Number of cases	Domestic	Abroad
Suicide involvement	72 (72)	1 (1)	71 (71)
Inducing or soliciting suicide (e.g., calling for mass suicide)	3,614 (3,571)	110 (94)	3,504 (3,477)
Total	3,686 (3,643)	111 (95)	3,575 (3,548)

- ※ () shows the results of the analysis of reports from the Cyber Patrol Center (commissioned by the National Police Agency)
- ※ Overseas refers to cases where the site administrator of the reported information is unknown or resides in a foreign country and is stored on an overseas server.

● Processing Results

1. Processing results of reports judged as illegal information

Of the 13,875 reports that were determined to be illegal information, 1,666 were domestic cases. 1,584 cases were reported to the police, excluding 82 cases that were deleted before the report, and 1,106 cases were requested to be deleted by providers, excluding those that were deleted before the deletion request. As a result of the deletion requests, 924 cases (83.5%)* were removed.

	Deletions before reporting to police	Reports to police	Deletion requests	Deletions
Publicly displaying obscene images	49	1,340	1,012	836
Publicly displaying child sexual abuse images	26	213	79	74
Inducement for the purpose of prostitution	0	3	3	3
Inducement in violation of online dating sites regulation law	0	0	0	0
Publicly inciting or soliciting the commission of a drug offense or the abuse of a controlled substance	0	0	0	0
Advertisements of controlled substances	2	18	11	11
Advertisements of designated substances	0	0	0	0
Advertisements of products suspected to be designated substances	0	0	0	0
Advertisements of drugs before approval, regarding New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)	0	0	0	0
Solicitation or inducement of transfer of bank books, etc.	0	3	1	0
Solicitation or inducement of anonymous rental or transfer of mobile phone without notice	0	1	0	0
Act of illegally requesting input of identification codes, namely phishing fraud	5	6	0	0
Act of promoting illegal access	0	0	0	0
Total	82	1,584	1,106	924

*This is the number of cases confirmed 5 business days after the deletion request.

As of the end of July 2023, 1,057 (95.6%) were deleted as a result of continued requests for deletion.

2. Processing results of reports judged as information closely related to significant crimes

Of the 172 reports determined to be information closely related to significant crimes, 148 cases (excluding 1 further investigated case and 24 cases that were deleted before the request) were requested to be handled by providers. As a result of the requests, 77 cases (52.0%) were deleted.

Accumulation	Number of analyzed cases	Deletion requests	Deletions
Transfer of handguns, etc.	3	3	2
Manufacture of explosives, firearms, etc.	6	5	5
Murder, robbery, non-consensual sexual intercourse, etc., arson, kidnapping, assault, arrest, confinement, intimidation	157	136	68
Organ trafficking	5	4	2
Human trafficking	0	0	0
Production of hydrogen sulfide gas	1	0	0
Stalking, etc.	0	0	0
Total	172 (136)	148 (122)	77 (62)

※ () shows the number of reports from the Cyber Patrol Center (commissioned by the National Police Agency)

※ The number of deletions is the number as of the end of July 2023.

3. Processing results of reports judged as suicide-inducing information

Of the 3,686 reports determined to be suicide-inducing information, all of them were requested to be handled by providers. As a result of the requests, 2,653 (72.0%) were deleted.

Accumulation	Number of analyzed cases	Deletion requests	Deletions
Suicide involvement	72 (72)	72 (72)	58 (58)
Inducing or soliciting suicide (e.g., calling for mass suicide)	3,614 (3,571)	3,614 (3,571)	2,595 (2,565)
Total	3,686 (3,643)	3,686 (3,643)	2,653 (2,623)

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※ The number of deletions is the number as of the end of July 2023.

● **International Partnership with Overseas Hotlines**

As a member of INHOPE (International Association of Internet Hotlines), a liaison organization among hotlines in other countries, the Internet Hotline Center has been promoting the response to illegal information in cooperation with hotlines in other countries. During the first half of 2023, the Center made 888 reports to overseas hotlines and received 220 reports from overseas hotlines.

1. Number of reports sent to Overseas Hotlines

Country/Region Name	Number of cases
United States of America	670
Netherlands	61
Luxembourg	42
Thailand	35
Norway	19
Russia	16
France	15
Hong Kong	12
England	6
Singapore	3
UAE	2
German	1
Bulgaria	1
Sweden	1
Belize	1
Albania	1
Georgia	1
China	1
Total	888

2. Total number of reports received from Overseas Hotlines

Country/Region Name	Number of cases
France	110
England	44
Australia	23
German	9
Poland	8
Ireland	4
Czech Republic	4
Lithuania	4
Austria	3
Latvia	3
Belgium	2
Luxembourg	2
Netherlands	1
Iceland	1
Denmark	1
Sweden	1
Total	220

2-1. Results of analysis of reports from overseas hotlines

Analysis	Illegal information	Others	Total
Number of cases	61	160	221

2-2. Classification of reports from overseas hotlines that have been determined to be illegal information

Classification	Publicity displaying obscene images	Publicity displaying child sexual abuse images	Total
Number of cases	18	43	61

2-3. Results of processing reports from overseas hotlines that were determined to be illegal information

Of the 61 reports which were determined to be illegal information, we reported 40 domestic cases to the police (excluding 5 cases that were removed before reporting to the police and 16 overseas cases), 25 cases were requested to be deleted by providers (excluding 3 further investigated cases and 12 cases that were removed before the removal request), and 25 cases (100%) were removed.

Processing	Deletions before reporting to police	Reports to police	Requests for deletion	Deletion
The number of cases	5	40	25	25