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CODE BLUE Executive Committee

**Japan's largest international cybersecurity conference
『CODE BLUE 2023』
started accepting student staff registration**

- **Efforts to nurture the next generation, including CFP for young speakers (U25) -**

The CODE BLUE Executive Committee has started accepting applications for student management staff for CODE BLUE 2023, an international cybersecurity conference in Japan (held from November 8th to 9th, 2023 in Akasaka, Tokyo). The deadline for student staff application is Friday, July 21st (JST).



CODE BLUE 2023

■ **CODE BLUE's efforts to nurture the next generation**
CODE BLUE continues to be held with the aim of advancing the security industry in Asia by creating an environment where security professionals can collaborate regardless of company or country borders. CODE BLUE also aims to help discover, develop, and support aspiring young researchers in Japan and Asia by encouraging them to enter the international arena. In particular, We are convinced that fostering the

next generation of security professionals is necessary for advancing the security industry in Asia. CODE BLUE provides scholarships to aspiring young researchers, and provides opportunities for student staff to attend lectures. In the past, the CODE BLUE Network Operation Center* (CBNOC) has been run by volunteer network engineers and student staff to provide opportunities for students to get familiar with enterprise technology and know-how. More than 10 years have passed since the first event, and as a result of promoting the creation of networks between companies and industry groups, and students, among which some of them have found employment in the cybersecurity industry, and are now on stage as speakers. Efforts to nurture the next generation are showing results, such as the emergence of human resources.

(*There will be no student staff recruitment for CBNOC this year, only on-site operation)

1) **Student staff**

We are looking for volunteer student staff to support the operation of CODE BLUE again this year. It will be a great opportunity to experience the excitement of an international conference where researchers and engineers working at the forefront of cyber security come together. You can also listen to cutting-edge lectures, work with like-minded peers, and interact with sponsor company representatives. In addition, if you have the chance, you can interact directly with the instructors. This program is open to students of all nationalities living in Japan.

Comments from student staff (excerpts from the 2022 survey):

- *It was good to have connections with students and staff who are interested in security, as well as speakers and people from companies.*
- *I learned a lot by having the opportunity to talk with people from various companies. These experiences had a great and positive influence on my motivation for my future engineering life.*
- *By being able to actually talk to role models and people I admire, my motivation increased, and I decided to devote myself to my studies and research so that one day I could be on stage at CODE BLUE.*
- *It was good to acquire English skills because I had the opportunity to talk with foreigners.*

- I was stimulated by listening to other people talk about the field I was interested in, such as penetration testing, and my motivation to learn increased.

- For me, who was worried about finding a job, I decided to pursue a career as a security engineer.

<Application form> (Japanese only)

<https://forms.gle/Emyd1S79i3zDxyEo7>

(Deadline: Friday, July 21, 23:59 (JST/UTC+9))

2) R&D incentives for U25

CODE BLUE is accepting CPF applications for U25 Youth Track in order to support young engineers and researchers under the age of 25. This effort began in 2015 and since then, the upper age limit has been temporarily changed to 20 or 24 years old, but so far 20 young researchers and engineers from 16 groups have taken the podium. Each lecture will undergo a rigorous review by the CODE BLUE executive committee and review board, and excellent lecturers will be awarded research and development incentives. In the past, there have been cases where a maximum amount of 5 million yen was awarded to one speaker.

We are looking forward to your application from the link below.

[Application]

<https://codeblue.jp/2023/en/cfp/>

(Deadline: Tuesday, August 15, 23:59(JST/UTC+9))

■ CODE BLUE 2023 Overview

Date: November 8th (Wednesday) to November 9th (Thursday), 2023

Venue: Akasaka Intercity Conference (Akasaka Intercity AIR 4F)

Organizer: CODE BLUE Executive Committee

Operation: CODE BLUE Secretariat (BLUE Co., Ltd.)

Price: <Early Bird> 78,000 yen (tax incl.): ~July 31st

<Regular Price> 98,000 yen (tax incl.): Aug 1st - Nov 2nd

<On Site> 128,000 yen (tax incl.): Nov 8th - Nov 9th

Registration: <https://codeblue.jp/2023/registration/>

Others: Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation (*excluding some lectures)

■About CODE BLUE 2023

CODE BLUE is an international cyber security conference where top class experts from Japan and abroad gather. Celebrating its 11th year this year, the conference provides state-of-the-art lectures by cybersecurity experts and opportunities for information exchange and interaction that transcend national and language barriers.

By bringing together the world's top-level experts active in a variety of fields, we aim to revitalize cyber security in Asia and strengthen cooperation, as well as discover and encourage excellent young researchers in Japan and Asia.

Due to the spread of coronavirus infection, the conference was held online in 2020, as hybrid event in 2021 and 2022, but this year it will be held as a in-person event at Akasaka Intercity AIR this year*. We also hold a networking party to interact with many industry people. (*This year, we will hold the conference in-person, and will not be streaming online.)

Official Site: <https://codeblue.jp/2023/en/>

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■CFP(Call For Papers/ Presentations)

We have provided lecture opportunities to various speakers such as hackers and security engineers who have been active on the front lines of the world, legal and political researchers who specialize in cyberspace issues, and key persons involved in national security policy. Honorariums and travel expenses are also available for speakers. We are looking forward to your application from the link below.

Japanese: <https://codeblue.jp/2023/cfp/>

English: <https://codeblue.jp/2023/en/cfp/>

(Deadline: Tuesday, August 15, 23:59 (JST/UTC+9))

■ About Sponsorship

CODE BLUE 2023 is looking for companies to sponsor. Please feel free to contact us from the inquiry form below. We will send you sponsorship materials.

[CODE BLUE Sponsor Inquiry Form]

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