

Cybersecurity

Cyberattacks are on the rise with the advancement of digitalization throughout society

As digitalization continues to advance, communication and economic activities that take place over the Internet have become a part of daily life in many regions around the world. The Internet is becoming a public space where large volumes of private information circulate and accumulate. There has been an increase in cyberattacks with suspected state involvement, and the number of cyberattacks that target not only the private information of individuals but also confidential information held by companies is also growing. Means of carrying out cyberattacks are increasingly being offered as services and are becoming more specialized, allowing cyberattacks to be executed by collaborating parties regardless of whether each party possesses all the necessary skills for an attack. Such developments lay behind the increase in cyberattacks.

Mizuho's cybersecurity initiatives

At Mizuho as well, we are advancing financial services and data business that leverage digital technologies. In order to provide safe and reliable services to our customers, it is important that we address the risks that accompany the use of digital technologies, particularly with regard to cybersecurity.

We consider cyberattacks to be one of the top risks for our business, and we are continuously pressing forward with cybersecurity measures as per our Declaration of Cybersecurity Management. Specifically, with Mizuho-CIRT¹ taking the lead, we have assigned high-level professionals and are drawing on intelligence and cutting-edge technology developed in collaboration with external specialized organizations, while also establishing a monitoring framework via integrated SOC.² We are conducting cybersecurity drills multiple times a year to prepare for emergency situations, and are focusing on personnel development in the medium to long term together with our initiatives to strengthen our resilience frameworks, including the analysis of malware and the development of defense-in-depth measures.

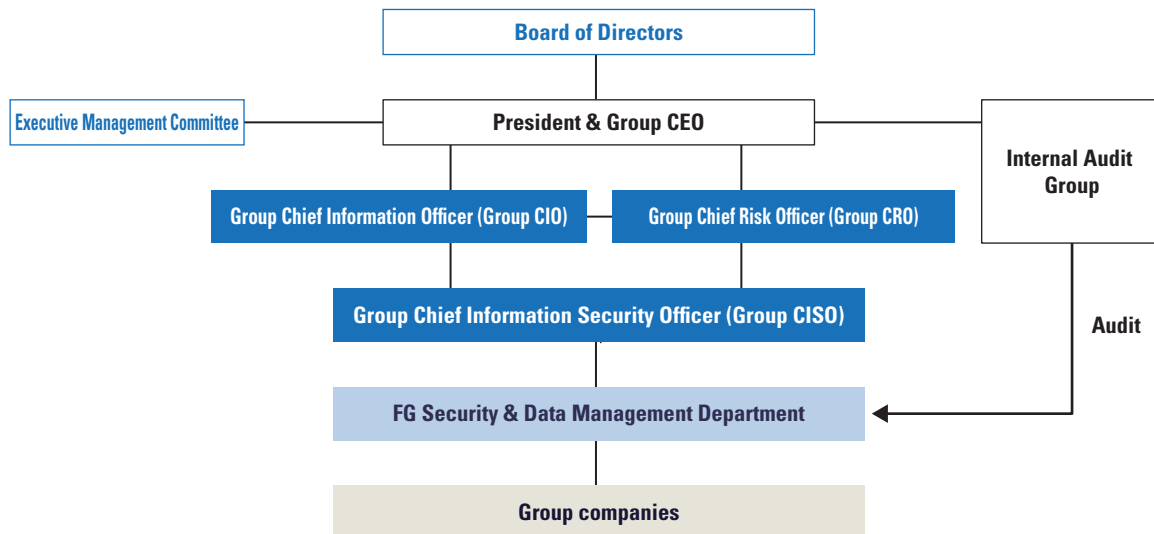
□ Declaration of Cybersecurity Management

<https://www.mizuhogroup.com/who-we-are/strategy/it/cybersecurity>

- 1. Cyber Incident Response Team
- 2. Security Operation Center

Mizuho's cybersecurity management framework

At Mizuho, under the supervision of the Board of Directors, we have established the position of Group Chief Information Security Officer (Group CISO), who administers overall group-wide / global cybersecurity management, and we have also established CISOs at our main subsidiaries. In the interest of clarifying how the check-and-balance system applies to the Group Chief Information Officer (Group CIO) as part of our second line of defense, the Group CISO reports to both the Group CIO and Group Chief Risk Officer (Group CRO). We are striving to enhance our cybersecurity posture on a group-wide, global basis by implementing this system of double reporting.



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