Apology and Notice Regarding Possible Information Leakage Due to Unauthorized Access (November 2026)

November 25, 2026 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

On October 1, 2026, unauthorized third-party access was detected to the server that constitutes the Ministry's Government Procurement Information System. After investigation in cooperation with external specialized organizations, it was found that email addresses, company names, and the representative's names stored in the server's database may have been leaked externally.
We deeply apologize for the great inconvenience and concern caused to all parties involved.

1. Current Situation

Communication between internal and external systems where unauthorized access occurred has already been blocked.
At this time, there have been no confirmed damages such as information that may have been leaked to an unspecified number of people or unauthorized use.
This matter has been reported to the Personal Information Protection Commission, and we are continuing the investigation in cooperation with relevant agencies.

2. Potentially leaked information

The information that may have been leaked is as follows to the extent that we can currently verify it.

- Up to 1,778 email addresses stored in the above database
- Company names and representative names of businesses stored in the above database: up to 163,953 entries

3. Future Measures

Based on relevant laws and regulations, we will continue to conduct investigations in close cooperation with relevant agencies and respond appropriately.
Our ministry takes this matter seriously, will continue to investigate the cause, and work to

prevent recurrence and strengthen information security measures.
We sincerely apologize once again for the inconvenience caused to all parties involved.

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