Evaluation of Cryptographic Techniques in Japan
CRYPTREC Project

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CRYPTREC

- **CRYPTREC（Cryptography Research and Evaluation Committee）**
  - Secretariat: Information-technology Promotion Agency (IPA), Japan, Security Center

    http://www.ipa.go.jp/security/
  - Founded in April 2000
- **CRYPTREC Project**
  - Part of the Electronic Government Security Technology Development Project, which is sponsored by MITI and entrusted to the IPA

Foundations of the CRYPTREC

- **Project of the Information-Technology Promotion Agency (IPA), JAPAN**

  – Investigation and research on criteria for cryptography to be purchased by the government

  – CRYPTREC was established on the basis of the report of the consulting committee of the project.

- **Study Group for Promotion and Advancement of Encrypted Communications, MPT**

- **Project of Telecommunications Advancement Organization of Japan (TAO)**

Motivation of the CRYPTEC Project (1)

- **Creation of the infrastructure for the electronic government by FY 2003**
- **Assessment of the Security and the Implementation of Available Cryptographic Techniques to Achieve Information Security in the Electronic Government**
- **Enhancing the security and reliability of the nationwide information network**

Motivation of the CRYPTEC Project (2)

- **Recommendation of the OECD Council "Guidelines for Cryptography Policy"**
  - PRINCIPLES 1. TRUST IN CRYPTOGRAPHIC METHODS
    - Cryptographic methods should be trustworthy in order to generate confidence in the use of information and communications systems.
- **Trend of Standardization**
  - ISO/IEC JTC1 SC27
    - From registration (IS-9979) to real standard
  - AES Project in USA
  - NESSIE (New European Schemes for Signature, Integrity, and Encryption)
    - The Information Societies Technology (IST) Programme of the European Commission

Goal of the CRYPTREC Project

- **Open Call for Cryptographic Techniques**
  - Available for the electronic government system

- **Proposed cryptographic techniques are evaluated from technical point of view by experts.**

→ **Technical Report Including a List of Analytical Results**
   - **Security Profile, and**
   - **Implementation Aspects**

The report will be submitted to the government and open to the public.

Features of the CRYPTREC Project

- **Four related government offices participate in the CRYPTREC as observers:**
  - Management and Coordination Agency
  - Japan Defense Agency
  - Ministry of International Trade and Industry
  - Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
- **Front-line researchers in the area of cryptology in Japan assembled.**
- **The balance of the security and the efficiency of implementation is among the top priority.**

Organization of the CRYPTREC(1)

- ## Members

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Naoyuki Iwashita   (Bank of Japan)
Eiji Okamoto   (Toho University)
Tatsuaki Okamoto   (NTT Laboratories)
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Kenji Naemura   (Keio University)
Mitsuru Matsui   (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation)
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Organization of the CRYPTREC(2)

- **Observers**
  - **Management and Coordination Agency**
  - **Japan Defense Agency**
  - **Ministry of International Trade and Industry**
  - **Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications**

- **Secretariat**
  - **Information-Technology Promotion Agency (IPA), JAPAN**

Schedule

- **Schedule of the research and evaluation**

	2000							2001			
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
Submission	←	→									
Screening evaluation			←		→						
Detailed evaluation					←						→
Announcement of results											

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Procedure of Evaluating Cryptographic Techniques

- **Two-step Evaluation**
  - Screening evaluation
  - Detailed evaluation

- **Screening Evaluation**
  - Evaluation based on the submitted forms by entrusted experts

- **Detailed Evaluation**
  - Detailed evaluation by the entrusted experts including experimental examination
  - Voluntary evaluation by academic groups etc.
    - Technical information is open to public
    - Call for evaluation

Categories of Solicited Cryptographic Techniques

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes**
  - For confidentiality, authentication, signature, and key-sharing
  - Cryptographic schemes with primitives are invited
    - **Cryptographic primitive：an elementary cryptographic algorithm that provides security based on integer factoring problems, discrete logarithm, etc.**
    - **Cryptographic scheme: an algorithm that provides one or more security functions by using cryptographic primitives and some auxiliary functions such as a hash function.**

- **Symmetric Ciphers**
  - Stream ciphers , 64-bit block ciphers,128-bit block ciphers

- **Hash Functions**

- **Pseudo-Random Number Generators**

Number of Applications for the CRYPTREC Call-Up

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes** : 24
  - **Confidentiality**   7
  - **Authentication**   1
  - **Signature**   10
  - **Key-sharing**   6
- **Symmetric Ciphers** :   19
  - **Stream ciphers**   6
  - **64-bit block ciphers**   4
  - **128-bit block ciphers**   9
- **Hash Functions** :   0
- **Pseudo-Random Number Generators** :   5
- Total: 48

Screening Evaluation

- **Security Evaluation**
  - The schemes with evident critical defects are excluded from the detailed evaluation process.
- **Evaluation on the Implementation**
  - The following are excluded from the detailed evaluation process.
    - Proposal of a cryptographic technique not appropriate for the electronic government
    - Proposal not providing enough information for the third party to implement it

Shortening the List of the Candidates for the Detailed Evaluation

Result of the Screening Evaluation

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes :14**
  - Confidentiality   5
  - Authentication   1
  - Signature   4
  - Key-sharing   4
- **Symmetric Ciphers :**   12
  - Stream ciphers   2
  - 64-bit block ciphers   4
  - 128-bit block ciphers   6
- **Hash Functions :**   0
- **Pseudo-Random Number Generators :**   1

- **Total:**   27

Cryptographic Techniques for the Detailed Evaluation (1)

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes (Confidentiality)**
  - HIME-2(HITACHI)
  - EPOC(NTT)
  - PSEC(NTT)
  - ECAES in SEC1(FUJITSU & Certicom)
  - ACE Encryption(IBM)

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes (Authentication)**
  - ESIGN(NTT)

Cryptographic Techniques for the Detailed Evaluation (2)

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes (Signature)**
  - MY-ELLTY ECMR-h(MATSUSHITA)
  - ESIGN(NTT)
  - ECDSA in SEC1(FUJITSU & Certicom)
  - ACE Sign(IBM)

- **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes (Key-sharing)**
  - HIME-1(HITACHI)
  - ECDHS in SEC1 (FUJITSU & Certicom)
  - ECMQVS in SEC1 (FUJITSU & Certicom)
  - HEF-ECDH(JAIST & MATSUSHITA)

Cryptographic Techniques for the Detailed Evaluation (3)

- **Symmetric Ciphers** (**Stream Ciphers**)
  - MULTI-S01(HITACHI)
  - TOYOCRYPTO-HS1(TOYOCOM）
- **Symmetric Ciphers** (**64-bit Block Ciphers**)
  - CIPHERUNICORN-E(NEC)
  - MISTY1(MITSUBISHI)
  - FEAL-NX(NTT)
  - Hierocrypt-L1(TOSHIBA)

Cryptographic Techniques for the Detailed Evaluation(4)

- **Symmetric Ciphers** (**128-bit Block Ciphers)**
  - CIPHERUNICORN-A(NEC)
  - Camellia(NTT & MISTUBISHI)
  - RC6(RSA Data Security)
  - SC2000(FUJITSU)
  - MARS(IBM)
  - Hierocrypt-3(TOSHIBA)
- **Pseudo-Random Number Generators**
  - TOYOCRYPTO-HR1(TOYOCOM）

Reasons of the Exclusion (1)

- The proposed technique submitted to a category cannot be considered as a cryptographic technique in that category.

- The specification of the proposal is insufficient and cannot be interpreted as that of a cryptographic technique.

- The self-evaluation of the security was not enough to proceed to the detailed evaluation stage of the short period.

- The technology specification is not sufficient to implement the technique.

Reasons of the Exclusion (2)

- A critical defect in the security was pointed out.

- Short of the processing speed for the use of the electronic government.

- The proposal is evaluated in another category, because essentially the same cryptographic technique was submitted there.

- Documentation defect was found.

- Withdrawn.

Detailed Evaluation (Methods)

- ## Evaluation by Foreign Researchers
  - Reviewer: Eminent researchers in the area of cryptanalysis
  - Multiple cryptographic techniques are evaluated from the researcher's unique point of view.

- ## Evaluation by Domestic Researchers
  - Multiple cryptographic techniques are evaluated by each evaluation team.
  - Heuristic attacks to the candidate cryptographic techniques are surveyed and examined.
  - Performance when being implemented by hardware is evaluated.

- ## Voluntary Evaluation by Academic Groups

Other Important Cryptographic Techniques To Be Listed

- **CRYPTREC adds the following to the List:**
  - Cryptographic techniques used in many systems,
  - Cryptographic techniques indispensable for the application to the electronic government.
- **Cryptographic Techniques To Be Included**
  - **Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes**
    - RSA-OAEP, RSA-PSS, DSA, DH Key Exchange
  - **Symmetric Ciphers**
    - AES(Rijndael)
    - Triple-DES
  - **Hash Functions**
    - SHA-1, MD-5, RIPEMD-160
  - **Pseudo-Random Number Generators (RNG)**
    - RNG based on SHA1

Detailed Evaluation (Criteria)

- **Security**
  - Unified evaluation of the strength of the techniques in a category against the well-known general attacks
  - Evaluation of the strength of each technique against systematic and heuristic attacks
- **Implementation（Software & Hardware)**
  - **SW**
    - Processing speed, resource amount, etc. are examined on the common platform.
  - **HW**
    - Processing speed, amount of gates, etc. are examined on the common platform.

Evaluation Criteria (1)

- **Security of the Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes**

  - Both schemes and primitives are evaluated.

  - **Evaluation Criteria of Schemes**

    - Possibility of passive attacks and active attacks
    - Effect of the attacks to the functions (confidentiality, authentication, signature, and key-sharing)

  - **Evaluation Criteria of Primitives**

    - Strength against the well-known attacks

Evaluation Criteria (2)

- ## Security of Stream Ciphers
  - Period, linear complexity, mutual information, etc.
  - Statistical characteristics **(**frequency, 0-1 balance, etc.**)**
  - Heuristic cryptanalysis

- ## Security of Block Ciphers
  - Well-known attacks (linear cryptanalysis, differential cryptanalysis, etc.)
  - Other attacks (higher order differential cryptanalysis, etc.)
  - Statistical characteristics (avalanche criterion, etc.)

- ## Security of Pseudo-Random Number Generators
  - Statistical property to the randomness tests such as the poker test, the long run test as described in FIPS140-1

Evaluation Criteria (3)

- **Implementation Evaluation**
  - Implementation by software on normal platforms
  - Implementation by hardware (gate array, FPGA, etc.)
  - Special requirements for the implementation
  - Experience of exposure if it is in public use
- **Design Criteria**
  - Design criteria of the key setting and the security parameters will be evaluated.

Cooperation with the Similar Projects Overseas

- **Sharing the Knowledge on Evaluation of Cryptographic Techniques with the Similar Projects**
  - Cryptographic Standard by the ISO/ I E C JTC1.
  - AES by U.S.A (NIST)
  - NESSIE by EU.
- **Cooperation and Harmonization from Various Aspects**

Summary and the Future Works (1)

- **Significance of the CRYPTREC Project**
  - It will provide reliable and proper information on cryptographic techniques required for the electronic government.
  - It will promote the development of cryptographic technology in Japan.
- **Status**
  - The screening process was finished.
  - The short list of the candidates for the detailed evaluation is available.
  - Detailed evaluation has started.

Summary and the Future Works (2)

- **Evaluation of the cryptographic technology must be continued.**
  - The periods of the call-up and the evaluation are too short. (New cryptographic techniques and the improved ones should be evaluated.)
  - Continuation of evaluation is essentially important for cryptographic techniques. (Security time is faster than Internet time.)
  - Permanent organization is necessary.
- **The first step to the information security technology agency.**