Yamaha Motor revs up security and speed with Verizon Wednesday, December 02, 2015 03:00:00 AM (GMT)

TOKYO, Dec. 1, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>Yamaha Motor</u> - one of the world's biggest manufacturers of motorcycles, marine and other motorized products – has chosen Verizon to support two of its critical Information Technology programmes for 2016 and beyond. <u>Verizon's Investigative Response (RISK) team</u> is helping the company to better manage security risk, and <u>Verizon Digital Media Services</u> is helping the company improve online customer experience.

Founded in 1955, Yamaha Motor is headquartered in Shizuoka, Japan and has more than 50,000 employees across 200 countries around the globe. The threat of cybercrime is a growing cause for concern for Japan multinationals with a growing number of high-profile data breaches in recent months. Recent statistics from the Japanese National Police Agency indicate a 40% rise in cybercrime from 2014.

Ongoing security reinforcement across Yahama Motor's global operations

Through Verizon's <u>Rapid Response Retainer</u>, Yamaha Motor will have direct access to Verizon's security assets, including digital forensics and computer incident response expertise with specific response times and strong Service Level Agreements (SLAs). Additionally, the retainer will also help enable Yamaha Motor's Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) to further reinforce its global security capabilities.

Senior Supervisor of Yamaha Motor's Process & IT Division, Taku Harako said: "We have always implemented stringent internal and external security measures to safeguard our customers' data and network against cybercriminals. However, with the increased frequency and sophistication of cybercrime, there was a need to enhance our existing security measures. By creating an internal CSIRT, we are also able to further minimize the risks from any potential data breach and ensure "business as usual" as quickly as possible. We chose to work with Verizon due to their global incident response support."

Managing Director of Verizon's RISK Team, Bryan Sartin said: "The rapid response retainer improves customers' ability to reliably recognize and react to cyberattacks in the future. If a customer is unfortunate enough to suffer a breach, our experts can come in at a moment's notice, analyze the breach and its origins and develop solutions to prevent it from happening again.

The need for speed

Yamaha Motor has also chosen Verizon's Content Delivery Network (CDN), powered by <u>Verizon Digital Media Services</u>, to improve its online customer experience. Verizon CDN will enable Yamaha Motor to quickly and securely deliver high-quality content to online users in select geographic locations. Verizon Digital Media Services brings together the essential elements that make an exceptional content experience possible. The next-generation platform integrates a world-class CDN and a one-of-a-kind video streaming solution to transform content into world-class experiences on every screen, everywhere. Manager of Yamaha Motor's Process & IT Division, Tetsu Inagaki said: "While online content is constantly evolving, becoming richer and more dynamic, online consumers continue to expect a consistent experience. We operate 131 websites globally and a robust CDN is a necessity regardless of location. We chose to work with Verizon because they were able to demonstrate significant performance improvements in the East Asia region."

Verizon has added more than 20 new <u>points of presence</u> (POPs) to its CDN since January, including in Batam, Helsinki, Jakarta, Kaohsiung, Melbourne, Milan, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Vienna and Warsaw, as well as additional POPs in many cities already served, including London, Madrid, Paris and Amsterdam.

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