

ACOM and Trust Co., Ltd. Enter into a Business Alliance for Cybersecurity Transformation in the AI Era

ACOM CO., LTD. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Masataka Kinoshita; hereinafter, “ACOM”) and Trust Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Directors and Co-Presidents: Kyosuke Tomoda and Keita Yuyama; hereinafter, “Trust”) hereby announce that they have entered into a business alliance agreement aimed at strengthening ACOM’s cybersecurity framework for the AI era.

Under this alliance, the two companies will pursue the following three initiatives: (1) building a platform to enhance the integration and utilization of security information; (2) providing hands-on implementation support through technical advisors and Forward Deployed Engineers (“FDE”), who work directly with frontline teams to identify and resolve issues; and (3) conducting joint research and development that reflects insights gained from frontline operations.

1. Background and Purpose of the Alliance

In recent years, advances in frontier AI, including generative AI, have enabled vulnerabilities to be discovered and exploited both more rapidly and in increasingly sophisticated ways. As a result, the cybersecurity measures that companies are required to implement have become increasingly complex.

In anticipation of further rapid changes in the cybersecurity environment resulting from advances in AI and other technologies, ACOM considers strengthening its security framework in preparation for future threats to be an important initiative. As part of this effort, ACOM aims to use AI to enhance a series of processes, including collecting vulnerability information, analyzing the scope of potential impacts, and determining priorities for response. This will enable ACOM to establish a framework capable of responding more rapidly and accurately to changes in the cybersecurity environment.

To achieve this objective, the two companies have decided to work together to advance cybersecurity transformation in the AI era by combining ACOM’s expertise in financial services and security operations with Trust’s expertise in AI utilization and system development cultivated in the financial sector.

2. Details of the Alliance

(1) Centralization of Security Information through an SSOT Platform

The two companies will build an SSOT (Single Source of Truth, a single reliable source of information) platform to enhance the integration and utilization of security-related information.

The platform will use “Trust TLanP® Security,” provided by Trust. By analyzing the aggregated information using AI, the platform will support risk assessment, identification of the scope of impact, and determination of response priorities, thereby further accelerating vulnerability response.

(2) Resolution of Frontline Issues through Technical Advisors and FDE

Trust’s technical advisors and FDE will work directly with ACOM’s frontline teams and provide end-to-end support encompassing the design, implementation, and improvement of AI utilization. They will also support the integration of security measures into development processes and the development of human resources with expertise in both AI and cybersecurity.

(3) Incorporation of Frontline Insights into the Product through Joint Research and Development

The two companies will conduct joint research and development and use insights and needs identified through ACOM's frontline operations to enhance "Trust TLaP® Security." By continuously repeating a cycle of identifying issues, developing solutions, and incorporating the results into the product, the two companies will pursue enhancements that reflect actual operational requirements.

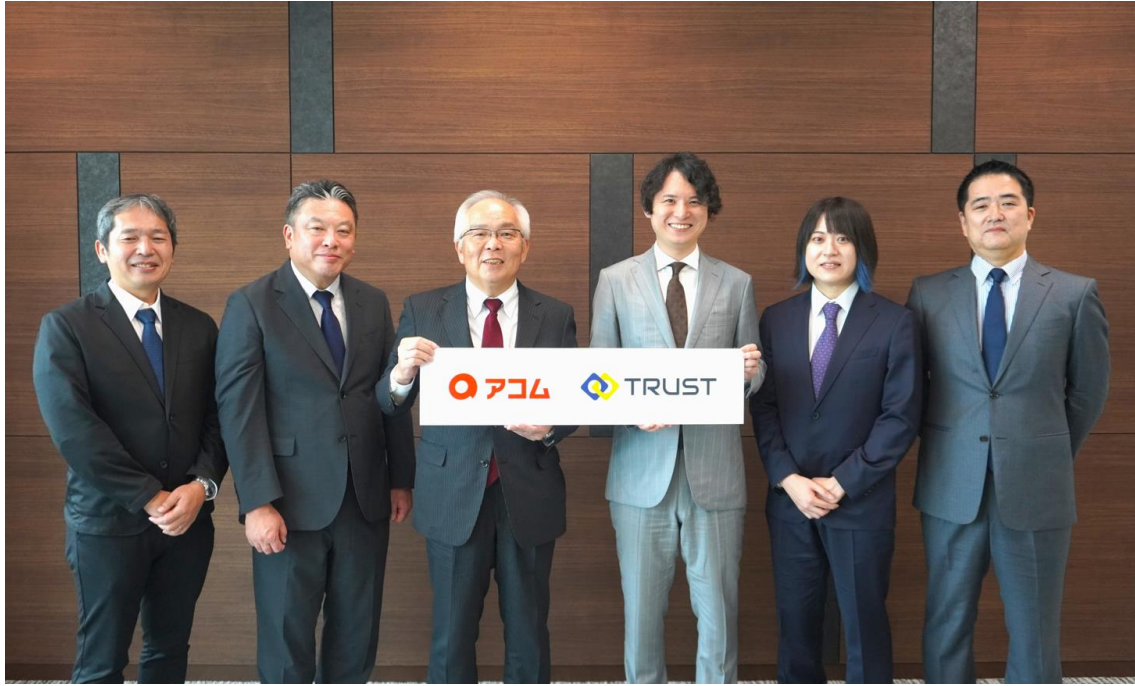
3. Expected Benefits

Through this alliance, the two companies aim to achieve the following:

- Further accelerating risk assessments and responses to vulnerabilities through the enhanced integration and utilization of security information
- Balancing development speed and security by integrating security measures into development processes
- Developing human resources with expertise in both AI and cybersecurity
- Sharing security measures and expertise

Going forward, the two companies will continue to develop the platform and operational framework established through this alliance. Based on the results of these initiatives, they will also consider expanding the scope of application, with the aim of establishing a security framework that supports the provision of safe and secure financial services.

* Trust TLaP is a registered trademark of Trust Co., Ltd.



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