

Santen's Car Including PC and Roster with Private Information Stolen

August 12, 2005, Osaka, Japan -- Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (President: Takakazu Morita) announced that one of its medical representative's car had been stolen. A roster and a mobile computer with private information were taken with the vehicle.

1. About the Theft

At around 8:30pm on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, a Santen medical representative's car was stolen in Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture. The rep is in charge of visiting medical institutions centered on southern Amagasaki. Santen called in a stolen property report to the Hyogo Prefecture Koshien Police Station promptly.

2. Stolen information

Inside the stolen car were a roster and a mobile computer, which contained the following information:

- Roster: a list of 217 members of East Hyogo Ophthalmologists Association
- Mobile computer: information such as names and place of work of 1,023 physicians and pharmacists in southern Amagasaki

Santen's mobile computers have double-security features. Therefore, the possibility of leakage of electronic information is considered to be very low.

3. Actions

Santen has contacted the individuals whose information was stored in the stolen properties to notify them of the theft and apologize to them. At the time of this news release, no misuse of private information has been discovered. In any misuse occurs, Santen shall compensate for the damage.

4. Preventive Steps

In accordance with the personal information protection law, Santen has established its own policies and regulations regarding the use of personal information, and has conducted employee training and enhancement of internal management. Taking the case of theft with utmost seriousness, Santen will further reinforce its privacy policy and take all possible measures to ensure information security.