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Beware of Internet Investment Fraud of A-Shares



Bank of China (Hong Kong) (“BOCHK” or “the Bank”) would like to remind customers to stay vigilant to Internet Investment Fraud of A-Shares.

Fraudsters recently impersonating investment specialists, offering certain fake inside information through SMS messages and instant messaging applications, luring the public with low risk and high return as baits to click on the unknown link to download fraudulent mobile application or enter a fraudulent investment website for setting up accounts, fraudsters then ask the public to transfer their money to unidentified personal bank accounts.

The fraudsters would deliver a small return or send fake interest distribution reports through the fraudulent mobile application / investment website for initial transactions, tricking the public into believing them. After the victims invested more, the fraudsters fled with the money.

The Bank reminds customers to be vigilant against possible scams:

- Please carefully protect your personal information. Do not disclose your personal information and passwords, including e-banking account information, credit card details or SMS one-time passwords;
- Do not open SMS messages, email, QR codes, attachments or click on the hyperlink from unknown sources, and download unknown mobile application. In case of doubt, please stop the operation and do not input any data. Please close the window, delete the mobile application, and contact the Bank immediately;
- Do not input any information into unknown mobile applications or websites;
- Customers are advised conduct any investment transactions through registered investment institutions;
- Customers may check the public register of licensed persons and registered institutions on the website of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC);
- If the company claiming to be an “investment company” collects investment capital through personal bank account or e-wallet, please stay alert against possible scams;
- Customers are advised to use “Scameter” website or “Scameter+” mobile application of Police for security check on the suspicious calling number, website or transferee’s account number;
- If customers have provided personal information to the aforesaid fraudulent mobile application or fraudulent investment website, please immediately contact the Bank’s Customer Service Hotline at (852) 3988 2388 (press 3, # and 2 after language selection), and contact the Police. If customers have provided any password, please change the password immediately.

Please refer to the following websites for Police anti-deception information: -

<https://www.adcc.gov.hk/en-hk/alerts-detail/alerts-1651873324798922753.html>

https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/investment_fraud/

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