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2025 Q1 Hong Kong Police Force's Anti-Fraud Information

(1) Beware of Scammers Claiming that You Have Applied for SIM Card with Mainland (HK & Macau Service Plan)



Defrauding Tricks

Scam process:

1. Fraudulent calls: Posing as staff of Mobile Network Operators, scammers call and tell you that a new SIM card has been activated with a contract period of one to two years, and that monthly fees will be charged.



- 2. Guiding the conversation: If you tell them that you did not apply for such service or you want to cancel it, the scammers will pretend to help you cancel the service and direct the call to a bogus bank employee.
- 3. Request for transfers: The bogus bank employee will ask for your bank details or instruct you to make transfers with automated teller machines. The scammers can no longer be reached once they have received the money.

Police Advice

- Stay alert if you receive phone calls purportedly made by telecommunications services providers claiming that you have applied for services. Do not hastily believe the callers' identities;
- If in doubt, call the Customer Care Hotline for verification;
- Do not disclose personal information, including identity card numbers and bank account details;
- Even if strangers who send you messages are able to tell your personal information, it does not necessarily mean that they are genuine law enforcement officers. Scammers can obtain the personal information of the public by unlawful means;
- If you suspect that you have fallen prey to a scam, please call the "Anti-Scam Helpline 18222" for enquiries.

(2) Many Lost Millions of Dollars after Joining Fraudulent WhatsApp Groups



Defrauding Tricks

Alert! In a number of recent investment fraud cases, the victims were added into WhatsApp groups named "K 研亞洲林 sir 內部群組" or "K 研亞洲實驗室" and lost millions of Hong Kong dollars.

Posing as investment experts, the scammers randomly invited people to join investment classroom groups on WhatsApp, claiming that money-making tips would be shared in the groups. The victims were then induced to download fraudulent trading platform applications to conduct transactions.

In the scams, the scammers would fabricate profit-making transaction records of the fraudulent trading platforms and lure the victims to invest more money. When the victims wanted to withdraw the funds, the customer service staff would delay the payment with various pretexts and even ask them to pay hefty handling fees. In the end, the victims failed to get back their money.

Scam groups:	Fraudulent platforms:
1. K 研亞洲林 sir 內部群組 2. K 研亞洲實驗室	1. CLEXP 2. CLEXP-II 3. CLEXP

Police Advice

- Stay alert and do not rashly believe the so-called "investment experts" you meet online;
- Do not hastily click on hyperlinks, download mobile applications, log on to any suspicious websites or download any attachments;
- The bank accounts provided by scammers usually belong to individuals or thirdparty agencies, with names different from the trading platforms';
- You are advised to make investment through registered investment institutions.
 You may check out the public register of licensed persons and registered institutions on the web page of the Securities and Futures Commission;
- You may enter suspicious phone numbers, web addresses or transferees'
 account numbers on "Scameter" of CyberDefender or "Scameter+", the mobile
 application of "Scameter", for security check in addition to seeking verification
 from relevant organisations;
- If in doubt, please call the "Anti-Scam Helpline 18222" for enquiries.

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[I've earned enough, it's time to let others earn some.]

https://youtube.com/shorts/zBDs9eUbX3o?si=mUyuwSXf11RYwHeP



Highlighted version ["Escape from Scams" Episode 2: Don't join investment groups hastily! Even a kid knows that!]

https://youtu.be/ACv1Y7iLnA0?si=ZdNL6zTLfe-BqRor

Investment Fraud - Unwise Speculation

https://youtu.be/44llWVUYeuk?si=YGBm2VG-Ek5GuesY

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