

# Beware of phone calls posing as HKMA or bank staff

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) received enquiries from the members of the public about receiving phone calls from employee of a firm claiming to have obtained approval from the HKMA to debit their accounts as a fee for applying membership with the company. The employee subsequently suggested transferring the call to fraudsters posing as the HKMA or bank staff and requested personal information such as online banking and credit card details from the public.

The HKMA would like to remind the public that the HKMA will not contact the public with regard to personal financial matters. The public is also reminded not to provide any sensitive personal information before verifying the caller's identity.

Members of the public who suspect that they have become victims of any fraudulent acts should contact the Commercial and Technology Crime Hotline of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012 for follow-up actions and investigation by the Police.