"Build a Secure Cyberspace" webinar raises public awareness of mobile device security

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre (HKCERT) jointly held the "Build a Secure Cyberspace" webinar cum sticker design contest award presentation ceremony today (February 5). The theme of the webinar this year is "Secure Use of Mobile Devices", which aims to arouse public awareness of mobile device security.

Speaking at the webinar, the Assistant Government Chief Information Officer, Mr Jason Pun, said that remote working, online learning and distance business have become part of the new normal amid the rampant COVID-19 epidemic, and mobile devices are now the most commonly used tools for accessing the Internet. He also reminded the public to stay vigilant to cyber security threats relating to mobile devices and to prevent cyber criminals from using leaked information for identity theft or other fraudulent purposes.

Mr Pun emphasised, "Cyber security threats may come from the vulnerabilities or misconfiguration of a device itself, the communication network and mobile applications, etc. We all should pay extra attention to mobile security, take appropriate measures to enhance our defense and strengthen our vigilance to the information received so as not to fall victims to cyber attacks."

Mr Pun also called on organisations that are using cloud services to formulate relevant security policies and codes, protect data on cloud platforms properly and adopt appropriate measures to enhance cyber security.

In the webinar, representatives and experts from the OGCIO, the HKPF, as well as experts from the information security industry shared their experience and insights in various topics, including cloud services and fintech. The sticker design contest award presentation ceremony was also held alongside the webinar. Entries were judged in three categories, namely primary school, secondary school and open groups. Mr Pun praised the designs for being thoughtful and vivid, with security tips of mobile device protection impressively expressed through the distinctive characters on the stickers. The winning entries can be viewed and downloaded at the Cyber Security Information Portal (www.cybersecurity.hk/en/contest-2020.php).

The "Build a Secure Cyberspace" campaign is an annual event co-organised by the OGCIO, the HKPF and the HKCERT. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of information security and enhance their cyber resilience capabilities through a variety of channels including websites, social media, radio broadcasting and school visits.