

Cybersec Infohub officially launched to strengthen defence against cyber attacks (with photos)

The Cybersec Infohub Launching Ceremony cum Members Professional Workshop was held today (September 29), highlighting the collaboration between the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited (HKIRC) in running the formalised Partnership Programme for Cyber Security Information Sharing, which is also known as the Cybersec Infohub. The OGCIO and the HKIRC will encourage members to share cyber security information, advice and insights with cyber security experts from different sectors via the cyber security information sharing and collaborative platform ([Cybersechub.hk](https://cybersechub.hk)) under the Programme. Through the sharing of the latest intelligence, members will get timely alerts and be prepared to defend against cyber attacks effectively.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, the Government Chief Information Officer, Mr Victor Lam, thanked organisation members for their active participation during the two-year pilot period and their concerted efforts that have made the cross-sector platform a trusted collaborative network. He said that the achievements of the pilot programme have been an important milestone in Hong Kong's commitment to safeguarding cyber security.

"The formalised Programme will bring Hong Kong's cyber security to a new level. The OGCIO will join hands with the HKIRC to push forward the Programme with a view to encouraging more organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), to join and collaborate. A cyber security supporting alliance named Cybersec Connect was just set up under the Programme with the effort of the HKIRC. Cybersec Connect will answer cyber security-related enquiries from members, especially SMEs, and offer appropriate support," Mr Lam said.

The OGCIO and the HKIRC also strive to strengthen collaboration with different industries and trade associations and enlist their members in the Programme with particular effort in encouraging exchanges and sharing of information within key industries such as banking and healthcare. The Hong Kong Association of Banks is motivating the banking sector to leverage on the collaborative platform in sharing cyber security information. The HKIRC is also actively promoting the Programme to its ".hk" corporate members so as to enhance Hong Kong's overall Internet security and capability in defending against cyber attacks.

At the workshop held after the launching ceremony today, cyber security experts were invited to enlighten members on the salience of information sharing. There was also a panel discussion in which speakers exchanged views on how information sharing can strengthen protection and resilience of enterprises or organisations against cyber attacks.

The Programme has been formalised since September 1. Currently, there are some 950 registered representatives from over 280 organisation members across a wide range of sectors. More than 1 500 pieces of cyber security information have been shared on the collaborative platform, with over 390 pieces released to the public so far.

