

Hong Kong Talent Engage themed seminar raises incoming talent's awareness of anti-corruption and anti-deception

Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE) hosted a themed seminar this afternoon (June 27) to brief incoming talent on corruption prevention and anti-deception practices to raise their awareness of the relevant crimes.

At the seminar, a representative from the Community Relations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) introduced Hong Kong's anti-corruption laws and drew the attention of incoming talent to the fact that government and public sector employees do not accept tips from the public, and that bribing employees of private organisations is illegal. Also, the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance has not specified the minimum threshold for the amount of advantage for the purpose of corruption offences. The ICAC has kept reviewing various investment entrant and talent admission schemes with the relevant government departments in order to strengthen regulating the schemes and stamp out malpractices. The ICAC appealed to members of the public, including incoming talent, to join hands in maintaining Hong Kong's culture of integrity.

In addition, a representative of the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre of the Commercial Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force updated incoming talent on the latest deception trends at the seminar, and urged them to heighten vigilance against telephone deception tricks, including phone scammers impersonating Mainland law enforcement officers or bank staff, and other common types of deception such as online employment and investment frauds, as well as romance and online shopping scams. A representative from the Financial Intelligence and Investigation Bureau of the Police reminded incoming talent that criminal syndicates often induce account holders to provide personal accounts or personal information to create virtual bank accounts by offering monetary remuneration or using different excuses. They then collect and transfer the crime proceeds using such stooge accounts for the purpose of money laundering. Members of the public, including incoming talent, should properly protect their personal information and never lend or sell personal accounts to any third party.

Incoming talent may refer to the ICAC's education resources on corruption prevention (www.icac.org.hk/icac/smart/en/index.html) for details on anti-corruption laws and related information. For scam prevention, incoming talent may use Scameter on the CyberDefender website (cyberdefender.hk/en-us/scameter/) or the mobile application "Scameter+" to verify suspicious or high-risk transaction counterparts. If in doubt, they should call the Anti-Scam Helpline 18222 for enquiries. Moreover, at the themed seminar today, a speaker from a local talent networking group shared with participants Hong Kong's social culture and customs.

HKTE has held online and physical seminars or workshops from March 2024

in collaboration with working partners on a wide range of topics, such as job seeking, business start-ups, education, accommodation, living tips and Cantonese learning. Talent who have arrived in Hong Kong may obtain event details from HKTE's social media or by contacting HKTE via email (hkte@hkengage.gov.hk).