[SITI attends Cybersecurity Symposium 2024 (with photos)](#)

　　The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, officiated at the Cybersecurity Symposium 2024 today (December 19) and shared the latest government efforts in safeguarding cybersecurity in Hong Kong. The symposium was co-organised by the Digital Policy Office (DPO) and the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited, with the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force as the strategic partner.

　　In his opening remarks, Professor Sun said, "Hong Kong is expediting the development of a digital economy and a smart city. Enhancing cybersecurity is an important aspect of promoting high-quality economic development and constructing a smart city. There is a pressing need for us to fortify the cybersecurity defense line."

　　Professor Sun said that maintaining cybersecurity is a common responsibility of the entire society. It requires collaboration of the Government, industry organisations, enterprises and the public at large to create a safer digital environment. He said he looks forward to generating new momentum for the developments of the economies of Hong Kong and the country through the continued joint efforts of the industry and professional bodies, and the good use of Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world.

　　To create a secure digital environment in collaboration with government departments and public organisations, the DPO spearheaded the first Hong Kong Cybersecurity Attack and Defence Drill in November. The drill aimed to enhance their skills, experience, and overall defensive capabilities in identifying and responding to cyberattacks. A DPO representative presented a keynote speech at the symposium today to share the valuable achievements and experiences from the drill.

　　The Cybersecurity Symposium 2024 aimed to foster collaboration between public and private organisations to strengthen Hong Kong's overall cybersecurity defence and resilience capabilities, supporting Hong Kong's development as a leading digital economy, thereby contributing to the high-quality development of the country across all sectors. Several keynote speeches and panel discussion sessions were held during the symposium. It brought together over 30 industry experts and business leaders from the Mainland and Hong Kong, as well as around 1 000 industry professionals from public and private organisations who exchanged views on different topics including emerging threats of cybersecurity, attack and defence strategies, and artificial intelligence governance, together with an exhibition on cybersecurity solutions, enabling participants to learn about the latest information on Hong Kong's cybersecurity progress.

　　On the day of the symposium, the establishment ceremony of the Hong Kong

Cybersecurity Professional Association, formed by a number of industry and professional organisations, was held. The establishment was witnessed by the Secretary General of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Wang Songmiao; the Head of the Chinese Academy of Cyberspace Studies, Mr Wang Jiang; Professor Sun; the Commissioner for Digital Policy, Mr Tony Wong; the Director of Management Services of Police, Mr Lui Kam-ho, and other officiating guests.