



The Law Society Condemns Targeted Cyber Attacks on Legal and Judicial Institutions

1. The Law Society of Hong Kong (“Law Society”) strongly condemns the recent series of cyber-attacks targeting legal and judicial institutions.
2. Since mid-July, there have been phishing emails to the public claiming to be sent on behalf of the Law Society, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Department of Justice, the Judiciary and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. The respective organisations have reported to the Police and alerted the public to the relevant phishing emails. In addition, some law firms have also been the target. Members of the public reported having received phishing emails purporting to be sent on behalf of the law firms.
3. These malicious criminal activities pose a serious threat to the integrity and accessibility of our legal and judicial systems, undermining public trust and confidence in the systems and disrupting the effective functioning of institutions responsible for upholding the rule of law and the administration of justice. The consequences of these attacks can thus be far-reaching.
4. The Law Society calls upon legal professionals and all to stand united to combat any attempts to undermine the rule of law and compromise the administration of justice. We urge everyone to remain vigilant and proactive in enhancing their own cybersecurity measures and training to safeguard against further cyber-attacks.

**The Law Society of Hong Kong
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