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Dear Principals,

Beware of Internet Related Crimes

      Recently the Internet related crimes such as Naked Chat Blackmailing and Ransom-ware are seen to have a rising trend.   I should be grateful if you could make use of the attached information and also the e-banners to promote the awareness of your staff as well as students so as to prevent them from becoming the next victim.

      For more details, please feel free to contact Regional Crime Prevention Office, Hong Kong Island at 2860 7894.

Yours faithfully,

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Naked Chat Blackmail

Victims acquainted strangers through online conversations from social media platforms and were later lured to remove their clothing and expose their naked bodies in front of the webcam or to conduct lewd sexual acts. Such indecent acts are captured on the culprit's webcam, who then extorts the victims for money and threatens to upload the recording onto the Internet. Police appeal that you have to be vigilant when meeting new friends in the Cyber World so as to prevent from being tricked. Alert your family and friends, while parents shall provide children with proper guidance on the use of the Internet.

Ransom-ware (CryptoLocker)

The malware named "CryptoLocker" attacks victims through phishing emails. Once infected, the malware encrypts not only the files located in the affected machines, but also the files shared on the network drive connected. After the files are encrypted, the malware creates a popup to request for ransom money. It also threaten the victim to pay in a limited time, otherwise the only key used to decrypt the files will be deleted. Police appeal that you have to delete emails from unknown sources and should not open emails with attachments from unknown sources. Install and regularly update anti-virus and firewall softw