

Press Release
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Cyberport Supports ICAC Operations

Fully Committed to Combating Bribery and Fraud

Hong Kong, 30 January 2026 - Today, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), jointly with parties including Cyberport, hosted a press conference to announce earlier enforcement operations, which includes dismantling a corrupt syndicate suspected of using bribery to defraud government subsidies under the "Digital Transformation Subsidy Pilot Programme" (DTSP). The operation led to the arrest of the syndicate's mastermind and core members, including individuals from an information technology service provider and three of its allegedly employed marketing companies, as well as a former employee of Cyberport. Cyberport takes this isolated incident with grave concern and reaffirms its zero-tolerance policy towards any potential unlawful activities.

As the Secretariat for the DTSP, Cyberport has maintained a well-established mechanism for regular communication and reporting with the ICAC and has assisted law enforcement authorities in full strength with their work, including referring any suspected illegal cases to the ICAC for further investigation. As revealed by the ICAC's investigation, except for the former staff member involved in the case, all other staff at Cyberport have duly performed their duties and exercised due diligence in the vetting and approval for the programme. As a result, upon detection of suspicious activities, Cyberport promptly halted subsidy disbursements to the companies involved in accordance with the DTSP funding guidelines. This action successfully prevented over HK\$31 million in subsidies from flowing into the hands of the perpetrators. Cyberport will also pursue the recovery of subsidies that have been disbursed to the non-compliant service providers as per the funding guidelines.

In light of this incident and professional advice from the ICAC, Cyberport will further enhance application vetting procedures, strengthen monitoring mechanisms, increase surprise on-site inspections and improve the identification of suspicious cases etc. to refine the DTSP. Cyberport remains committed to upholding a positive corporate culture and will continue to strengthen integrity management and anti-corruption measures.

The DTSP was implemented from early 2024 to May 2025. It provided one-to-one matching subsidies to SMEs in the catering, retail, tourism, and personal services sectors to adopt basic and ready-to-use digital technology solutions, with a maximum subsidy of HK\$50,000 per enterprise, to accelerate their digital transformation. Cyberport received over 14,000 applications and approved subsidies for nearly 8,800 SMEs. Over 80% of these enterprises agreed that the DTSP effectively accelerated their digital transformation, enhanced operational efficiency, and promoted business growth.

Cyberport urges SMEs not to be misled by unscrupulous individuals. Companies should exercise greater vigilance and inspect application details thoroughly when anyone offers to assist with DTSP applications or requests personal or company information (e.g., bank account details). In case of doubt, please contact Cyberport.

For DTSP inquiries, please contact Cyberport (Hotline: 2599 7501 / Email: dtssp@cyberport.hk).

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ICAC Principal Investigator Matthew Chang (middle) and Chief Investigators Paul Lau (second left) and Aggie Lo (second right), together with Cyberport Chief Operating Officer Howard Cheng (first right) and more, brief the media at a media briefing on the ICAC's earlier operations.

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