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The Hong Kong Police have opened a new unit dedicated to combating phone and email scams. Police statistics since [2013](#) have shown a steady rise in cybercrime of various types, and Police Commissioner, Stephen Lo Wai-chung [declared his intention to focus on fighting cybercrime](#) in 2015. Police Director of Crime & Security Sonny Au said that the Police Anti-Deception Co-ordination Centre will step up their actions against deception, raise public awareness, and strengthen co-ordination in fighting and preventing deception.

The [centre already has a webpage](#) with pages describing [common email scams](#), [telephone deceptions](#) and other cybercrimes.

However, some of the advice offered may seem outdated. On the page about [email scams](#), it advises, "Set proper passwords and change them regularly;", but the [problems with frequent password changes](#) are recognised by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre.

More Information

- [Anti-scam centre opens](#)
- [Dedicated Hong Kong police unit set up to handle phone scams](#)
- [Beware of Deception - Fight Scams Together](#)
- [Email Scam](#)
- [Hong Kong Cybercrime on the Rise \(2013\)](#)
- [Hong Kong Cybercrime Continues to Soar \(2014\)](#)
- [Hong Kong Cybercrime Increases Again; Privacy Under Attack \(2015\)](#)
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