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A key event in the [Hongkong Post Certification Authority Root CA Rollover Plan](#) will take place on 1st February 2019; e-Certs for most categories will then be issued under Root CA2. e-Certs for Government B/Ds and users of certain e-Government services will have a later changeover date of 1st April 2019. e-Cert (Server) certificates will not change until 1st July 2019, and will then be issued under Root CA3.

One of the Government services that will not be transitioning to Root CA2 on 1st February is the Trade and Industry Department's (TID) E-application System for Strategic Commodities Licensing (E-SC). In an email message on their Strategic Commodities Control System Website Update Notice mailing list, the TID advised:

During the transition, E-SC users, who will apply for / renew e-Cert in the coming few months, should indicate their intended use of the e-Cert to HKPCA, so as to facilitate HKPCA to issue appropriate version of e-Cert (i.e. under root certificate "Hongkong Post Root CA 1"), which is accepted by E-SC both before and after the system modification.

Users of the Mozilla Firefox browser should note that the root certificate Root CA3, which will be used for e-Cert (Server) certificates after 1st July 2019, is [currently in a 3 week comment period in the process of being accepted for inclusion with the browser](#).

This transition should be transparent to end users.

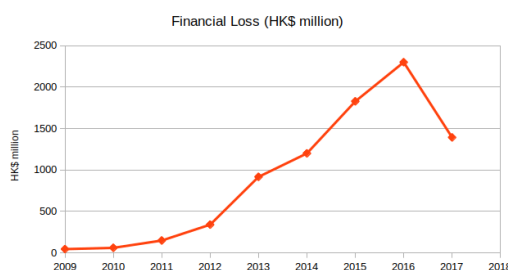
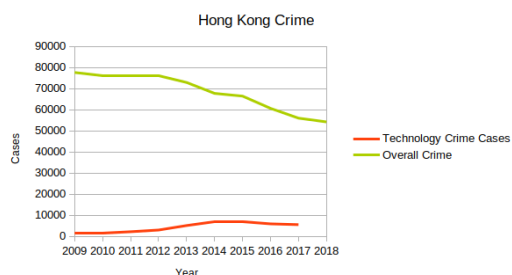
More Information

- [Hongkong Post Certification Authority Root CA Rollover Plan](#)
- [Add Hongkong Post renewal root certificate "Hongkong Post Root CA 3"](#)
- [Accessing Hong Kong Government Services using a Hongkong Post eCert from Firefox on Ubuntu Linux](#)

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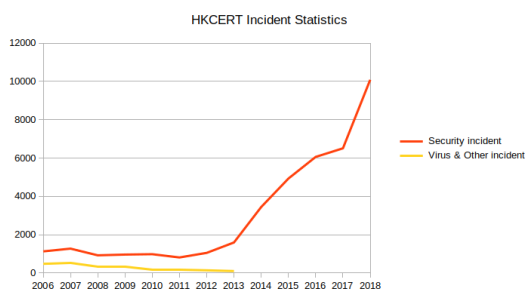
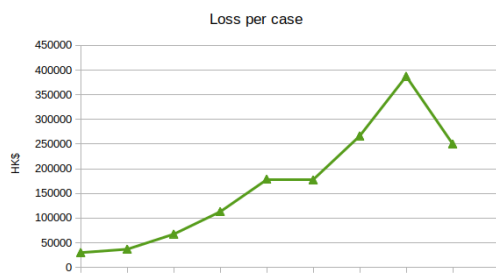
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Speaking at a press conference on 29th January, Commissioner of Police Stephen Lo said, "The traditional crimes are all enjoying a healthy downward trend, but unfortunately because of the new technology or new IT technology in the world, including the Internet, we are suffering from an increase in the deception over the Internet. So what we can do is to enhance education and publicity."



Statistics for 2018 show that criminal cases fell 3.2% compared with 2017, but technology crime cases rose. The [police statistics](#) do not show a technology crime category. However, two categories that are frequently implemented online nowadays increased: blackmail cases rose from 579 to 635 (9.7%) and deception cases rose from 7091 to 8372 (18.1%).

[Statistics from the Government InfoSec website](#) are currently only available to 2017, and they show a fall in both the number of cases and the financial loss per case from 2016 to 2017.



[Hong Kong CERT statistics](#) show a 55% increase in reported security incidents from 2017 to 2018.

Stephen Lo also announced the launch of Police [Weibo](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts to promote crime prevention.

More Information

- [Hong Kong Police Force Twitter Account](#)
- [Hong Kong Police Force Weibo Account](#)
- [Hong Kong Cybercrime Continues to Rise 2018](#)
- [Computer Related Crime](#)
- [HKCERT Statistics](#)
- [Police Commissioner Reports Fall in Cyber-Crime at Cyber Security Professionals Awards presentation ceremony](#)
- [Hong Kong Police Crime Statistics](#)
- [Comparison of 2018 and 2017 Crime Situation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Crime situation improves](#)



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