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Defrauding Tricks

Scammers, posing as the Treasury, sent phishing SMSs to members of the public and asked recipients to click on an attached hyperlink to pay a fixed penalty. The Treasury emphasised that it had no connection with such SMSs and reminded the public that it would not ask them to settle payments by sending them SMSs with embedded hyperlinks.

Our Advice

Do not log on to any websites or download any attachments by hastily clicking on hyperlinks embedded in suspicious SMSs, emails or web pages;

Do not input your personal information, credit card details, 3-digit security codes (CVC/CVV) and one-time passwords into unknown applications or websites;

Enter suspicious URLs on “Scameter” of CyberDefender or “Scameter+”, the mobile application of “Scameter”, for security check in addition to seeking verification from relevant organisations;

Remind your relatives and friends to stay vigilant against deception;

If in doubt, please call the “Anti-Scam Helpline 18222” for enquiries.