

The 1st INTERPOL Information Security Conference

Welcome Address

by the Hong Kong Commissioner of Police, Mr. TANG King-shing

Secretary General, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning and welcome to Hong Kong.

Some technologies that used to appear only in movies have become reality. The technology is here. The applications are here.

Technology is like the moon. It has a bright side. It has a dark side. It certainly brings about convenience; but it also creates new risks.

According to Computer Security Institute's 2009 Computer Crime and Security Survey, the average loss incurred through a security incident was around two hundred and thirty thousand US dollars. The same amount of money can be used to plant more than 500 trees to help protect our environment.

On behalf of the Hong Kong Police Force, I would like to welcome you again to the 1st INTERPOL Information Security Conference. We are extremely honoured to co-host this conference together with the INTERPOL.

To start with, I would like to quote a well-known Chinese proverb, "When people are of one mind and heart, they can move Mount Tai." Mount Tai, or Taishan, is a sacred mountain in northern China near Confucius's home. Why would I quote this old saying?

The theme of this conference is "Global Co-operation Today for InfoSec Risks Tomorrow". The keyword that connects this theme to you, as an individual or a member of your organization, is 'co-operation'. Co-operation maybe a simple word but it carries a great meaning. To shake a mountain maybe a big task, but it is our goal. To deal with InfoSec risks, we need global co-operation. Together we can achieve great things.

Development of Information Technology in the past two decades has been on a fast forward mode. The ease of its adoption, similarly, has increased multi-folded. I believe we all agree that everyone now uses some forms of

electronic gadgets or e-services. IT is anytime, anywhere. Charles Dickens wrote in 'A tale of Two Cities', "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness". I hope as fellow InfoSec stakeholders, you share this view in context.

In the coming two and a half days, you will hear from academia, industry players and veteran investigators. They come from around the world. We are now under one roof. And we have one common goal – to prepare for these challenges. Among other topics, speakers will talk about the latest strategy and approaches to incident response, impact of emerging tools, computer forensics and cloud computing. The afternoon panel sessions will provide you with a platform to exchange ideas, good practices and valuable experiences. It will be a great opportunity to understand common threats faced by different regions of the world and forge partnership in identifying solutions.

We cannot expect to be united at every turn, but we can be of one mind on finding common ground when we confront global InfoSec challenges. I am confident that our cooperation can bring success within reach.

Once again, I am so glad to see the very first INTERPOL conference on InfoSec, and that Hong Kong has been chosen to co-host this worthwhile event.

I wish the conference great success and wish you a pleasant and memorable stay in Hong Kong. Thank you.

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