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# HSBC WARNS AGAINST PHISHING EMAIL, SMS AND FRAUDULENT WEBSITES

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited would like to alert its customers to a phishing email, SMS and two fraudulent websites purported to be from HSBC. The phishing email suggests that recipients should participate in a survey to receive a gift, and the phishing suggests recipents should click on a link as they may have added a new payee.

HSBC would like to remind its customers that it has no connection with the phishing email, SMS and fraudulents websites involved.

The bank would also like to remind the public to safe-keep their login credentials for internet banking, and reiterate that the bank will not send SMS or email messages with embedded hyperlinks directing customers to our websites or mobile applications to carry out transactions. The bank will neither request for sensitive personal information from customers through hyperlinks.

Below is the screen capture of the phishing email and SMS, and the links of the fraudulent websites:

Links of the fraudulent websites
http://www.sriluxa.com/hsbcsrv/
hsbc.transaction-flagged.com

From: HSBC Rewards <hs.hkumehwwsn@cc-ibara.com>

#### Phishing Email

Date: Friday, 13 August 2021 at 2:50 AM
To:
Subject: You've been selected by HSBC Loyalty Program

Redeem your HSBC Points for just about anything

Hi there,
As a valued customer of HSBC you have been invited to take part in a short survey regarding your recent experience.

Your feedback is very valuable for HSBC, and will help us provide you with the best service possible.

As a thank you for taking part you will receive a gift of your choice

1100 HKD \$ To your account
3000 Miles Points
Online Bill Pay With Points

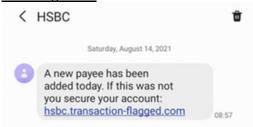
Please select a rating below to start the survey.

If asked by your family and friends, how likely would you be to recommended HSBC on the scale of 0 to 10?

Not at all likely

Extremely
Likely

## **Phishing SMS**



Customers are reminded to ensure they are connected to a valid HSBC site. The Bank's Hong Kong domain is <a href="http://www.hsbc.com.hk">http://www.hsbc.com.hk</a>. Customers should access banking services by keying in the website address at the address bar of the browser.

HSBC is working with the relevant authorities to have the fraudulent sites shut down. If customers are concerned, they should call the HSBC Personal Customer service hotline at 2233 3000 or report to the Police.

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### Note to editors:

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