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HSBC WARNS AGAINST PHISHING EMAIL AND FRAUDULENT WEBSITE

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited would like to alert its customers to a phishing email and a fraudulent website purported to be from HSBC's PayMe. The phishing email suggests that recipients can claim a gift by opening a link.

HSBC would like to remind its customers that it has no connection with the phishing email and the fraudulent website involved. Customers are advised not to open any link in the email.

The public should also safe-keep their login credentials. HSBC reiterated that it will not send SMS or email messages with embedded hyperlinks directing customers to its websites or mobile applications to carry out transactions, or request for sensitive personal information or credit card details from customers through hyperlinks.

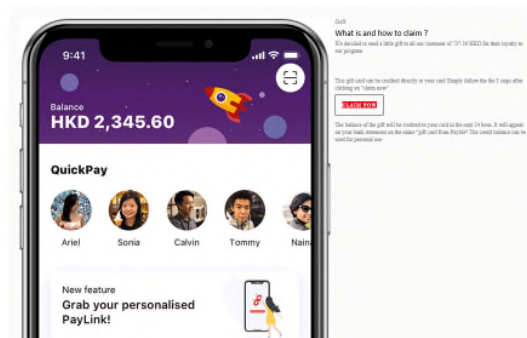
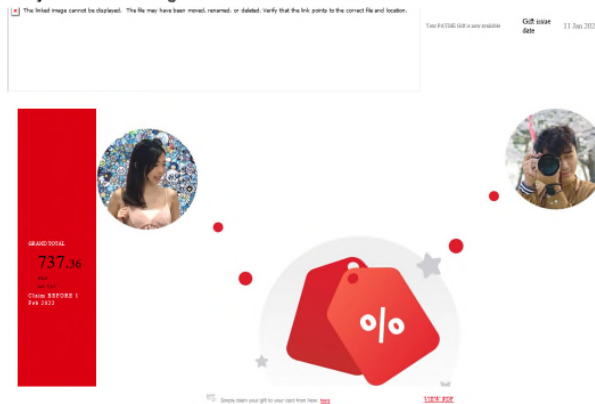
Below is the screen capture of the phishing email and the link of the fraudulent website:

Phishing email

From: PayMe <thegiftpayme6402837352e-YJbx9F5@univ-lille.fr>

Sent: Tuesday, 11 January 2022 11:22 am

Subject: We sent a gift to all our customers. Gift id 6402837



Link of the fraudulent website

<https://gift.payme-2022hkg.com/Welcoming/index.php?id=737.36>

Customers are reminded to ensure they are connected to a valid HSBC site. The Bank and PayMe's Hong Kong domains are <http://www.hsbc.com.hk> and <https://payme.hsbc.com.hk/> respectively. 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 site shut down. If customers are concerned, they should call the HSBC Personal Customer service hotline at 2233 3000 and/ or report to the Police.

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Note to editors:

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