

Beware of fraudsters posing as HKMA staff

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

â€¢ The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) has received enquiries from members of the public about fraudsters posing as HKMA senior staff, issuing forged documents falsely claiming that certain securities or investment companies are "recognised financial institutions", in an attempt to deceive members of the public into placing funds with these securities companies as a prerequisite for loan approval.

The HKMA wishes to clarify that the above schemes are fraudulent, and the HKMA will not contact individual members of the public regarding personal financial matters.

Should members of the public wish to verify whether an institution is authorized by the HKMA, they should refer to the Register of Authorized Institutions and Local Representative Offices available on the HKMA website.

The HKMA has reported the case to the Hong Kong Police Force.

Members of the public who suspect that they have become victims of any fraudulent acts should contact the Police or the Commercial Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012 for follow-up actions and investigation by the Police.