

SCED speaks to the media

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Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, at a media session on the Pilot Information Technology Development Matching Fund Scheme for Travel Agents (Matching Fund) after attending the opening of M21 kitchen cum kick-off ceremony of the programme on hometown cuisines organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups this morning (January 6):

Reporter: Do you think this Matching Fund is helping out in preventing issues as such so far?

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development: I think the Matching Fund is timely. On the one hand, the application of technology in promoting business is essential. But at the same time, it is equally important for this fund to be used to strengthen the safeguard against any hacker. And of course, we are approaching the problem in two ways. It is a serious crime involving hacking and criminal offences, and the Police are taking action. On the other hand, we have been reminding and asking the tourism sector and travel agencies to strengthen their safeguard through their own means. And this Matching Fund is in fact serving as helping hands for them to strengthen their systems.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

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