

Notice of Fraudulent Telephone Voice Messages / SMS Messages

Public Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Bank") is aware of the recent reports on

fraudulent voice message ("VM") phone calls / SMS messages purportedly from

banks claiming irregularities in the customer's bank or credit card accounts, or there

were credit card transactions conducted using a customer's credit card. These VM

request the customer to input their personal information or contact the caller / operator

for account authentication, or request the customer to call a bogus hotline number

mentioned in the SMS messages to check the credit card transactions.

The Bank would like to advise customers that the Bank do not notify customers of

account irregularities through pre-recorded messages, or request customers to call a

number mentioned in the SMS messages to check the credit card transactions.

Customers should call the Bank's credit card hotline for enquiries about credit card

transactions, which is printed at the back of credit card and posted on the Bank's

website. Customers are reminded to protect their sensitive information at all times and

not to provide any personal information (such as login passwords, one-time passwords

or Card Validation Code at the back of the Credit Card) through phone calls, emails or

SMS messages.

When customers are suspicious about the identity of the callers or hotline numbers

mentioned in SMS messages, customers are advised to request the caller to provide

his / her full name, department / branch name and contact phone number and then

verify with the Bank's Hotline at (852) 8107 0818 (by pressing "0" and "3" after

language selection).

If customers have disclosed their personal information to the suspicious callers or

bogus customer hotline, they are advised also to report such cases to the Hong Kong

Police in addition to the Bank.

Public Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

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Note: If customers do not wish to receive marketing communications from the Bank,

they may notify the Bank in writing or by calling the Bank's Hotline above.