

Macau

Hackers lured by city's growing fame

Telecom firms should adopt higher standards for services and products, expert says

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There will be more hackers targeting Macau in the future as the city's reputation grows worldwide, an expert says, so it's time for telecommunications firms to step up their defences.

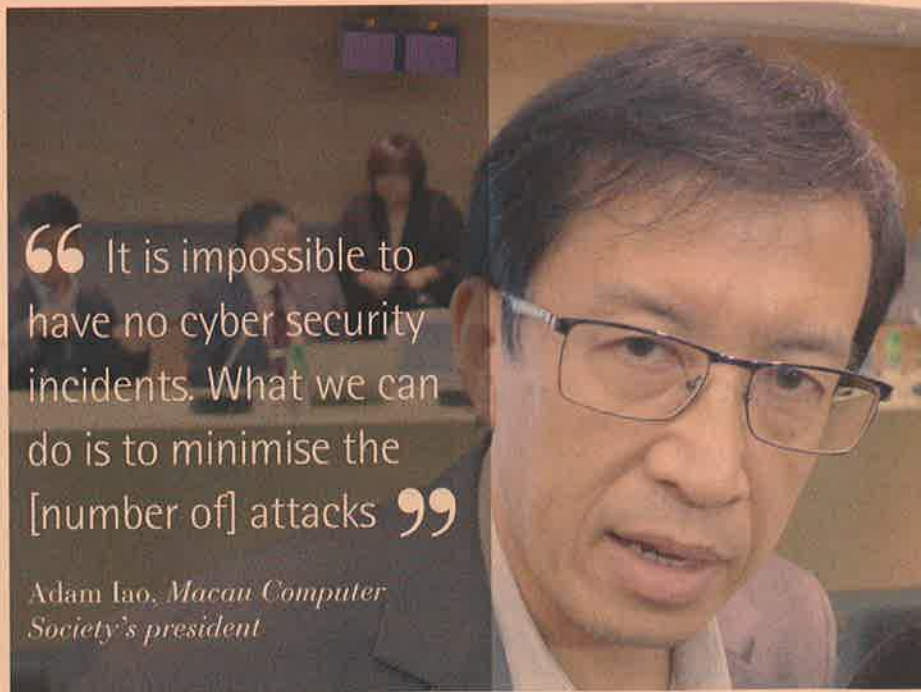
"As Macau is becoming more famous as a global leisure tourism centre, more people abroad—including hackers – will be aware of Macau's existence," said Adam Iao, president of the Macau Computer Society.

"What do hackers want? Either money or fame," he said at a technology event yesterday. "So there will definitely be more attacks as Macau is getting famous."

His comments came after Companhia de Telecomunicações de Macau SARL (CTM), the city's largest telecom company, faced a "suspected"

“It is impossible to have no cyber security incidents. What we can do is to minimise the [number of] attacks”

Adam Iao, *Macau Computer Society's president*



"But if Macau is getting more famous and more internationalised (...) the companies should also put more focus on these standards," he said.

The expert is sure the government already reviews the security standards of the services and products offered by telecom firms when renewing licences or granting new ones.

But the government could list out more clearly what international standards the providers must have, he said.

Mr Iao said the telecom firms must continue to improve their services and products given that this type of certification must be renewed regularly.

Cyber security has been a recent growing concern in the region,

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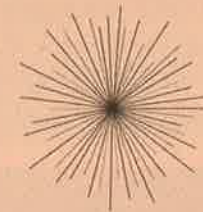
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