**2020 APEC COUNTER-TERRORISM ACTION PLAN**

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| **ECONOMY:** | Hong Kong, China (HKC) |
| **CALENDAR YEAR:** | 2020 | **LAST UPDATED:** | September 2016 |

**Objective:** Where appropriate, to self-assess progress against APEC Leaders’ and Ministers’ counter-terrorism commitments, and to identify capacity building needs to assist the CTWG to identify priority areas for future cooperation.

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| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** |
| 1. Summary of main achievements/progress in implementing Leaders’ and Ministers’ commitments since last update.* In 2016, Hong Kong Customs launched the **Single E-lock Scheme (SELS)** with the Mainland Customs which interconnected the Intermodal Transhipment Facilitation Scheme of Hong Kong Customs with the Speedy Customs Clearance of the Mainland Customs to facilitate the smooth flow of road cargo. The two Customs administrations make use of single electronic lock technology and GPS devices to monitor the integrity and movement of containers respectively for avoiding duplicate inspection within a Customs administration. Currently, the SELS covers 12 clearance points and 6 land boundary control points in HKC, as well as 52 clearance points in Guangdong Province, China.
* In 2016, the Government announced that it would establish a **Trade Single Window (TSW)** for one-stop lodging of B2G trade documents with the Government for trade declaration and customs clearance purposes. The TSW is implemented in three phases. The Phase 1 has been launched since 28 December 2018 and currently covers 14 types of trade document (mainly for specific controlled products). The Phase 2, which covers another 28 types of trade document, is planned to be rolled out in 2023 by batches and the planning of Phase 3 is ongoing.
* In 2018, HKC launched the **Regulated Air Cargo Screening Facility (RACSF) scheme** to enable and regulate air cargo screening at off-airport locations. In 2020, the **Known Consignor (KC) validation scheme** was launched to validate consignors which produce / manufacture or assembles goods for transport as air cargo from secure facilities within HKC.
* The **Counter Terrorism Emergency Coordination Team (CTECT)** has met regularly to ensure a coordinated multi-agency and inter-departmental approach in counter-terrorism. Over 40 inter-departmental counter-terrorism exercises were conducted between 2017 and 2019 to test the effectiveness of HKC’s counter-terrorism (CT) capabilities in dealing with terrorist activities, as well as enhancing the awareness, coordination and response capabilities of government departments.
* In 2018, the **Inter-departmental Counter-terrorism Unit (ICTU)** was set up, comprising members from Hong Kong Police Force, Immigration Department, Customs and Excise Department, Correctional Services Department, Fire Services Department and Government Flying Service under the co-ordination of Security Bureau. ICTU complements the government structure on CT and is dedicated to enhancing the integration and analysis of CT intelligence, co-ordinating interdepartmental CT efforts and advising the Secretary for Security on all CT-related matters. ICTU has collaborated with relevant departments to take forward a series of initiatives, which include establishing a CT intelligence exchange mechanism and work platform for various departments to enhance integration and analysis of intelligence; conducting inter-departmental CT exercises and training to ensure response and emergency services as well as supporting personnel are well prepared at all times, while focusing on strengthening the cooperation and synergy among various departments.
* HKC is committed to **combating terrorist financing and money laundering**. Between 2016 and 2019, 95 workshops were co-organised by Hong Kong Police Force, Finance Services and the Treasury Bureau and Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau for participants in the financial sector and the designated non-financial business and professionals (DNFBPs). During the same period, the Narcotics Bureau of Hong Kong Police Force organised 14 local Financial Investigation Courses with a total of 1,544 participants. Besides, the Narcotics Bureau of Hong Kong Police Force organised 5 International Financial Investigation Courses from 2016 to 2018 with a total of 212 participants from 18 jurisdictions.
* Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) launched a two-year Pilot Partnership Programme for Cyber Security Information Sharing named **Cybersec Infohub** in September 2018 to provide the first cross-sector cyber security information sharing and collaborative platform in HKC. The Cybersec Infohub enables the sharing of cyber security information, advice and professional insights among members and cyber security experts from different sectors. The Programme was well received by the members and has been formalised since September 2020.

2. Summary of forward work program to implement Leaders’ and Ministers’ commitments.* The Phase 2 of TSW, which covers another 28 types of trade document, is planned to be rolled out in 2023 by batches and the planning of Phase 3 is ongoing.
* Counter-terrorism exercises involving multiple units/teams will continuously be conducted in 2020. These exercises aim to test the responsiveness and command capabilities of the agencies involved.

3. Summary of capacity building needs and opportunities that would accelerate/strengthen the implementation of APEC Leaders’ and Ministers’ commitments by your economy and in the region. * Enriching APEC’s expertise in risk assessment rules for electronic environment will be beneficial. Workshops or seminars on Single Window system development and data connectivity would also be useful.
* HKC will continue to participate and learn from other economies on best practices implemented to enhance security of port facilities and ships. HKC will continue to support capacity building efforts through the provision of training to enhance the consistency of application of International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code application in APEC. Staff of Marine Department of HKC has been trained to discharge obligations as the Designated Authority under the ISPS Code.
* APEC members could make reference to GovCERT.HK website ([www.govcert.gov.hk](http://www.govcert.gov.hk)) for the latest security alerts, InfoSec portal ([www.infosec.gov.hk](http://www.infosec.gov.hk)) and Cyber Security Information Portal ([www.cybersecurity.hk](http://www.cybersecurity.hk)) for the latest news, knowledge and best practices of cyber security and the Cybersec Infohub website ([www.cybersechub.hk](http://www.cybersechub.hk)) for information shared by computer emergency response teams (CERT) community and various local sectors.
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**A. ENHANCING THE SECURE FLOW OF TRADE AND PEOPLE IN THE APEC REGION**

**A.1 Protect Cargo:**

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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Implement the [APEC Framework for Secure Trade](http://www.apec.org/apec/apec_groups/committee_on_trade.MedialibDownload.v1.html?url=/etc/medialib/apec_media_library/downloads/sec/pubs/2007.Par.0013.File.v1.1) (2005).
* Implement the common standards for electronic customs reporting developed by the [World Customs Organization](http://www.wcoomd.org/home_wco_topics_pfoverviewboxes_tools_and_instruments_pftools.htm) (WCO) that provide data to target high-risk shipments and facilitate trade (2002).
* Implement as practicable as possible a container security regime that facilitates the smooth flow of trade while enhancing the integrity of containers (2002).
* Promote private-sector adoption of high standards of supply chain security, as developed by the private sector and law enforcement officials (2002).
* Continue cooperation between APEC member economies to facilitate trade recovery after a terrorist attack (2006, 2007, 2011).
* Work towards more consistent security measures that reduce transaction costs, and to enhance cooperation with the private sector (2007, 2011).
* Complete the APEC Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Best Practices Guidelines Document (2011)
* Continue work on the Trade Recovery Program to work toward an operational system for ensuring trade recovery and resilience across the region in the wake of natural disasters and other major disruptions, such as terrorist attacks. (2011)
* Progress of work on the Single Window, Advanced Risk Management, Passenger Name Record, and Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) (2015)
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS**  |
| * The Road Cargo System (ROCARS) facilitates the electronic submission of advance cargo information by road mode for customs clearance and allows Hong Kong Customs to conduct computer-assisted risk assessment on a pre-shipment basis.
* In March 2016, Hong Kong Customs launched the Single E-lock Scheme (SELS) with the Mainland Customs which interconnected the Intermodal Transhipment Facilitation Scheme of Hong Kong Customs with the Speedy Customs Clearance of the Mainland Customs to facilitate the smooth flow of road cargo. The two Customs administrations make use of single electronic lock technology and GPS devices to monitor the integrity and movement of containers respectively for avoiding duplicate inspection within a Customs administration. Currently, the SELS covers 12 clearance points and 6 land boundary control points in HKC, as well as 52 clearance points in Guangdong Province, China.
* Hong Kong Customs formally launched the Hong Kong Authorised Economic Operator Programme (HKAEO Programme) in April 2012. The HKAEO Programme recognised the accredited local companies engaging in business principally related to the international supply chain, which are known as Authorised Economic Operators (AEOs), as trusted partners of Hong Kong Customs to jointly secure the global supply chain. In return, these companies will enjoy additional trade facilitation and other benefits. Hong Kong Customs is also taking active steps to develop mutual recognition arrangement (MRA) with other Customs administrations with a view to facilitating a seamless and secure flow of goods across border. As at end of August 2020, Hong Kong Customs has signed MRA with eleven Customs administrations, i.e. Mainland China, India, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, and Canada. Ten MRAs out of the eleven ratifications have been fully implemented. Hong Kong Customs will continue to take active steps to develop more MRAs with Customs counterparts of the Asia-Pacific region.
* In 2018, an Inter-departmental Counter Terrorism Unit (ICTU) comprising members from six law enforcement agencies, namely, Hong Kong Police Force, Hong Kong Customs, Immigration Department, Correctional Services Department, Fire Services Department and Government Flying Service, was set up in HKC to support the Security Bureau to monitor the global terrorism trend, review the counter-terrorism measures and strategy, as well as to develop and devise specialised counter-terrorism training and contingency plans in HKC.
* HKC has continued to keep abreast of the development of the APEC Framework for Secure Trade in the WCO/APEC fora and, where appropriate, take necessary steps to cope with the requirements.
* Hong Kong Customs has developed its Corporate Data Model with reference to the WCO Data Model Version 2, and will continue to take part in the development of the WCO Data Model and when appropriate, incorporate elements of any new Version into its Corporate Data Model.
* Hong Kong Customs continues to apply risk management in passenger and cargo clearance. The Customs and Excise Information and Risk Management System (CEIRMS) has been rolled out since 2018 to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness on risk management of the department. The system acts as a centralised repository of investigation findings, intelligence and trader records, which facilitates the department's core business of crime investigation and enhances the risk management capability in cargo clearance.
* The Government announced in 2016 that it would establish a Trade Single Window (TSW) for one-stop lodging of B2G trade documents with the Government for trade declaration and customs clearance purposes. The TSW is implemented in three phases. The Phase 1 has been launched since 28 December 2018 and currently covers 14 types of trade document (mainly for specific controlled products). The Phase 2, which covers another 28 types of trade document, is planned to be rolled out in 2023 by batches and the planning of Phase 3 is ongoing.
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| **FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)** |
| Hong Kong Customs will:* continue to source advanced non-intrusive inspection equipment with artificial intelligence and contraband auto-detection functions for cargo examination, baggage inspection and vehicle screening to facilitate the smooth flow of trade and passengers, while maintaining law enforcement at the airport, land boundary control points and seaports.
* continue to take active steps to promote the HKAEO Programme and develop arrangements with other Customs administrations for mutually recognising AEO programmes.
* continue to participate in the WCO Data Model Project Team with a view to making contribution to the development of the WCO Data Model.
* continue to take part in the WCO Information Management Sub-Committee Meeting to grasp the latest IT knowledge and seek opportunities of cooperation with other Customs administrations.
* continue to adopt the Corporate Data Model as a data standard in the course of developing new systems or introducing enhancement to existing systems.
* continue to develop important risk management tools to fully apply risk management as the basis of daily operational strategies.
* continue to apply and enhance the functions of risk management in its operations, investigations and planning, developing various modules of risk indicators for use in different IT systems.
* review, if necessary, the security criteria for identifying high-risk shipments.
* continue to work closely with the private sector to enhance collaboration in upholding supply chain security.
* continue to keep abreast of the development of the Trade Recovery Programme in the region, and, where appropriate, take necessary steps to cope with the requirements.
* continue to review the departmental counter-terrorism contingency plan, where appropriate.
* continue to take part in the implementation of TSW Phase 2 (to be rolled out in 2023 by batches) and development of Phase 3.
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| **WHAT SPECIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS DOES YOUR ECONOMY HAVE THAT HINDER YOUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS, AND WHAT CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH APEC TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TYPES OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BENEFIT YOUR ECONOMY (E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SHARING, BEST PRACTICES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING, ETC.)**  |
| * Enriching APEC’s expertise in risk assessment rules for electronic environment will be beneficial. Workshops or seminars on Single Window system development and data connectivity will also be useful.
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| NIL |

**A.2 Protect Port Facilities and Ships Engaged in International Voyages:**

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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Review ship and port facility security plans; automatic identification systems (AIS) installed on certain ships (2004).
* Support international efforts to fight piracy (2002, 2008).
* Support the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (2004).
* Cooperation between APEC member economies on training to enhance ship and port security in the region (2002).
* Cooperate with the International Maritime Organization on its efforts to undertake an analysis of small boats as potential threats to maritime security (2009).
* Enhance ability to identify, assess, and share information on threats to transportation facilities, vehicles, people and cargo, to prevent and combat acts of unlawful interference (2011)
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * Marine Department is the Designated Authority to ensure effective implementation of the maritime security provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the associated International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code for HKC.
* All HKC registered vessels and port facilities in HKC, where applicable, have fully complied with the ISPS Code requirements since 1 July 2004.
* All HKC registered vessels fully meet the SOLAS requirements regarding the fitting of AIS equipment.
* All HKC registered vessels of 300 Gross Tonnage (GT) and upwards meet the SOLAS requirements regarding the fitting of Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) equipment.
* Small Boats have been regarded as threats to maritime security in HKC. Marine Police of Hong Kong Police Force has maintained substantial capability, including high speed interception of suspicious targets at sea, forced boarding of non-compliant vessels and immediate tactical intervention, in response to emergency situation in maritime context.
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| **FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)** |
| * Marine Department will continue to monitor compliance of the relevant security requirements by HKC registered vessels. Port facilities in HKC will be subject to annual audit to ensure compliance.
* HKC will continue to participate and contribute efforts at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to enhance maritime security.
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| * Colleagues of Marine Department, being members of HKC’s Delegation, participate in the APEC Transportation Working Group Meetings as well as the Maritime Security Sub-group meetings every year.
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| * HKC will continue to participate and learn from other economies on best practices implemented by other economies to enhance the security of port facilities and ships.
* HKC will continue to support capacity building efforts through the provision of training to enhance the consistency of application of ISPS Code application in APEC.
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| * Staff of Marine Department have been trained to discharge obligations as the Designated Authority under the ISPS Code.
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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Introduce highly effective baggage screening procedures and equipment in all APEC international airports as soon as possible; and accelerate implementation of standards for reinforced flight deck doors for passenger aircraft wherever possible (2002).
* Support International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) [mandatory aviation security audits](http://www2.icao.int/en/ssa/Pages/default.aspx) (2002, 2009).
* Enhance air cargo security by promoting adoption of the guidelines developed by the [ICAO](http://www.icao.int/icao/en/atb/sgm/CargoClearance.htm) (2002).
* Examine emerging approaches to air cargo security; share information on efficient screening technologies and training; and harmonise aviation security measures (2009).
* Adopt strict domestic export controls on Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS); secure stockpiles; regulate production, transfer, and brokering; ban transfers to non-state end-users; and exchange information in support of these efforts (2003).
* APEC economies which did not do so before 2007 to conduct one MANPADS’ assessment of a major international airport using the MANPADS’ Vulnerability Assessment (MVA) guide established by the ICAO or similar international guidelines (2005).
* Work towards continuous improvement of aviation security oversight and quality control (2009).
* Implement effective capacity building programs for air cargo and air traveller protection, which help develop institutions and mobilize expertise and resources efficiently (2010).
* Prevent foreign terrorist fighter travel through advance passenger risk analysis and other measures (2015).
* Implement the Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) programs to secure and facilitate legitimate travel within the region (2015).
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * In the event of a MANPADS threat (i.e. specific intelligence indicates an imminent MANPADS threat against aircraft using the Hong Kong International Airport), an operation, codenamed FILMSPOT, will be launched. The objectives of Operation FILMSPOT shall be to deter, prevent and apprehend terrorists attempting to launch an attack on aircraft in HKC with MANPADS.
* The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Bureau (EOD) of Hong Kong Police Force has continuously conducted surveys on MANPADS.
* HKC conducts regular reviews and updates of the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme to ensure that it complies with the latest amendments to the ICAO Annex 17 and ICAO Aviation Security Manual.
* HKC continues to oversee stakeholders’ aviation security practices by conducting inspections and reviewing their security programmes.
* HKC launched the Regulated Air Cargo Screening Facility (RACSF) scheme in 2018 to enable and regulate air cargo screening at off-airport locations, and launched the Known Consignor (KC) validation scheme in 2020 to validate consignors which produce / manufacture or assembles goods for transport as air cargo from secure facilities within HKC.
* Civil Aviation Department (CAD) participated in the Counter Terrorism Emergency Coordination Team (CTECT), with members from various controlling authorities, to keep abreast of the recent global development on terrorist attack and aviation security related incidents, and to discuss strategic counter-terrorism measures.
* CAD’s Counter Terrorism Contingency Response Plan is regularly reviewed in parallel with the Hong Kong Counter-Terrorism Plan to better reflect the preparedness work and commensurate with the prevailing situation.
* Counter-terrorism exercises and drills involving various departments, the airport operator and aviation security stakeholders are conducted at Hong Kong International Airport regularly, demonstrating the Government’s commitment and efforts to counter the mounting threat of global terrorism.
* HKC regularly participates in workshops/seminars/conferences organised by ICAO or international aviation organisations for capacity building and information sharing on counter-terrorism matters.
* Passenger manifests are provided to Hong Kong Customs by various airlines on a voluntary basis. The implementation of mandatory API/PNR systems is not applicable to HKC since there is no legislation requiring such data.
* In 2020, Hong Kong Immigration Department will commence a feasibility study on the implementation of API system in HKC.
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| **FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)** |
| * The contingency plan on MANPADS is under a holistic review and it is to be considered whether the plan should still be active based on intelligence and the prevailing trend.
* Hong Kong Police Force and CAD will jointly organise a Cyber Security and Physical Drill Exercise at Air Traffic Control Centre. Air Navigation Service is scheduled for November 2020 to test the anti-terrorist plans and procedures for protection of essential air traffic and navigation facilities.
* Stakeholders’ views on implementing API/PNR in HKC are being coordinated in the Hong Kong Air Transport Facilitation Committee. Discussion is in progress to prepare for full implementation.
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| The Airport Security Unit of Hong Kong Police Force conducts regular counter terrorism exercises twice per year as part of the capacity building programme. |

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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Implement as expeditiously as possible an [Advance Passenger Information](http://www.businessmobility.org/API/API.html) system for the collection and transmission of advance passenger information (2002).
* Consider joining the [Regional Movement Alert System](http://www.apec.org/apec/news___media/fact_sheets/regional_movement.html) (RMAS) (2006).
* Adopt and implement agreed standards for machine readable travel documents, and application of biometrics in entry and (where applicable) exit procedures and travel documents consistent with [ICAO](http://mrtd.icao.int/) and the [International Standards Organization](http://www.iso.org/iso/search.htm?qt=7501&published=on&active_tab=standards) (2002).
* Assure the highest possible integrity of all government officials who are involved in border operations (2002).
* Develop a standardized strategic safety and security master plan for tourists, a crisis management model, and promote the development by industry of simple-to-use safety and security measures for tourism businesses (2002).
* Voluntarily provide information on lost and stolen travel documents to the existing database of the [International Criminal and Police Organization](http://www.interpol.int/) (ICPO-Interpol) on a best endeavours basis (2005).
* Implement APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative to facilitate regional international travel, while ensuring the security of the overall travel system. (2011)
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * Further application of biometrics in entry and exit procedures by extending self-service immigration clearance services to eligible frequent visitors at various control points.
* Implementation of mutual use of automated immigration clearance services for holders of the HKSAR electronic passport and the Thai passport in September 2018.
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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Review progress on commitments to dismantle trans-national terrorist groups (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
* Eliminate the severe and growing danger posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery by strengthened non-proliferation regimes and adopting and enforcing effective export controls (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) as well as take appropriate individual and joint actions to protect legitimate financial and commercial system from abuse (2006).
* Ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all relevant obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law (2005).
* Relevant economies to take steps towards the ratification and implementation of, or the commitment to ratify all basic universal antiterrorist conventions (2004, 2008).
* Increase and better coordinate counter-terrorism activities, where appropriate, through effective collaboration, technical assistance and capacity building, and cooperation between APEC’s Counter-Terrorism Task Force with relevant international, regional and functional organizations (2003) in accordance with the relevant APEC rules and practices.
* Relevant economiesto implement the [International Atomic Energy Agency Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources](http://www-ns.iaea.org/tech-areas/radiation-safety/code-of-conduct.htm) as well as the [Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources](http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Imp-Exp_web.pdf) (2005).
* Continue efforts and cooperation on food defense to mitigate the terrorist threat to the food supply following the voluntary APEC Food Defence Principles (2007).
* Implement the APEC Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy to make regional commerce and travel more secure, efficient, and resilient (2015).
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * Counter-terrorism has been an operational priority of Hong Kong Police Force since 2004.
* The Counter-Terrorism Readiness System (CTRS), introduced in 2003, was revamped. The CTRS is used by Hong Kong Police Force as a general guidance and direction to its units on how to prepare for and respond to terrorism based on the likelihood of a terrorist attack. The revamped CTRS aims to provide an updated terrorism preparedness and response actions in the light of the changing trend in worldwide and local terrorist attacks.
* Hong Kong Police Force continues to cooperate closely with overseas law enforcement agencies to ensure timely exchange of intelligence and information and effective action against terrorism and terrorist financing.
* The Counter Terrorism Emergency Coordination Team (CTECT) has met regularly to ensure a coordinated multi-agency and inter-departmental approach in counter-terrorism. Over 40 inter-departmental counter-terrorism exercises were conducted between 2017 and 2019 to test the effectiveness of HKC’s counter-terrorism capabilities in dealing with terrorist activities, as well as enhancing the awareness, coordination and response capabilities of government departments.
* The Inter-departmental Counter-terrorism Unit (ICTU) was set up in 2018, comprising members from the Hong Kong Police Force, Immigration Department, Customs and Excise Department, Correctional Services Department, Fire Services Department and Government Flying Service under the co-ordination of the Security Bureau. ICTU complements the government structure on counter-terrorism (CT) and is dedicated to enhancing the integration and analysis of CT intelligence, co-ordinating interdepartmental CT efforts and advising the Secretary for Security on all CT-related matters. ICTU has collaborated with relevant departments to take forward a series of initiatives, which include establishing a CT intelligence exchange mechanism and work platform for various departments to enhance integration and analysis of intelligence; conducting inter-departmental CT exercises and training to ensure response and emergency services as well as supporting personnel are well prepared at all times, while focusing on strengthening the cooperation and synergy among various departments.
* The Critical Infrastructure Security Coordination Centre (CISCC), in conjunction with the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau, has continued to engage all critical infrastructure (CI) operators proactively and effectively for strengthening the cyber-physical security and protection of their assets and facilities through Security-by-Design, risk management, resilience building and public-private partnership. To further enhance the overall efficiency of government resources allocation and police deployment for CI protection, all critical facilities have been accorded with priorities on threat basis for protective security with established protocols between CISCC and senior management of CI for direct communications and regular review on security concern, vulnerability assessment and risk mitigation.
* HKC has put in place a robust food surveillance system backed by legislation and vigilance in enforcement. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department works closely with international organisations on food safety matters. Under our risk-based surveillance programme, food samples are collected at the import, wholesale and retail levels for microbiological, chemical, nutritional and radiological testing to ensure fitness for human consumption. The system controls and prevents food hazards entering HKC or developing within HKC and thereby protect the people of HKC. The rates of satisfaction of food surveillance have all along been very high (greater than 99%).
* CFS monitors closely overseas/ local food incidents and food poisoning cases, maintains efficient and effective communication with competent authorities overseas and on the Mainland and makes prompt response. As and when necessary, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene makes Food Safety Order under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612) prohibiting the import and supply of problematic food and order a food recall when he/she has reasonable grounds to believe that public health is at risk.
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| * Counter-terrorism exercises involving multiple units/teams will continuously be conducted in 2020. These exercises aim to test the responsiveness and command capabilities of the agencies involved.
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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Cut off terrorists’ access to the international financial and commercial system, including by implementing standards and agreements on combating terrorist financing and money laundering (2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).
* Enhance law enforcement and regulatory capabilities by establishing or identifying a financial intelligence unit (FIU) in each member economy, and enhancing information sharing with other FIUs (2002).
* Relevant economies to implement [UN and other international instruments](http://www.un.org/sc/ctc/laws.html) (2002).
* Implement, where applicable, the [FATF’s Special Recommendations](http://www.fatf-gafi.org/pages/0%2C3417%2Cen_32250379_32236836_1_1_1_1_1%2C00.html) on terrorist financing, including those relating to non-profit organizations, alternative remittance systems and illicit cash couriers (2002, 2008).
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * From 2016 to 2019, 95 workshops were co-organised by Hong Kong Police Force, Finance Services and the Treasury Bureau and Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau for participants in the financial sector and the designated non-financial business and professionals (DNFBPs).
* From 2016 to 2019, the Narcotics Bureau of Hong Kong Police Force organised 14 local Financial Investigation Courses with a total of 1,544 participants.
* From 2016 to 2018, the Narcotics Bureau of Hong Kong Police Force organised 5 International Financial Investigation Courses with a total of 212 participants from 18 jurisdictions.
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| **LEADERS’ AND MINISTERS’ COMMITMENTS** |
| * Countering terrorism by implementing and enhancing critical information infrastructure protection and cyber security to ensure a trusted, secure and sustainable online environment (2002).
* Enhance mutual cooperation on countering malicious online activities and engage in efforts to increase cybersecurity awareness (2010).
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| **MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS** |
| * Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) launched a two-year Pilot Partnership Programme for Cyber Security Information Sharing named Cybersec Infohub in September 2018 to provide the first cross-sector cyber security information sharing and collaborative platform in HKC. The Cybersec Infohub enables the sharing of cyber security information, advice and professional insights among members and cyber security experts from different sectors. The Programme was well received by the members and has been formalised since September 2020.
* Co-organised with Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre (HKCERT), OGCIO conducted biannual security seminars conducted in 2017 – 2019 to raise public awareness on information security, including topics on Internet of Things, mobile payment and online shopping, and protection against phishing and data leakage.
* OGCIO organised annual contest events with an aim to enhancing public awareness about the importance of protecting computer and information assets from cyber-attacks. A one-page comic drawing contest - “Smart Home, Safe Living”, a video advertisement contest - “Stay Smart, Keep Cyber Scam Away”, a poster design contest - “We Together! Secure Data!” were held in 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. They were well received by the public and schools.
* Co-organised with IT security professional bodies, HKC continued to conduct school visits in four school years from 2016-17 to 2019-20 to deliver information security talks to students, teachers and parents with a view to enhancing their awareness and knowledge on information security and providing security best practices on protection from cyber threats.
* OGCIO organised the second and third "HK-Mainland Cyber Security Forum" in October 2017 and April 2018 respectively for information security professionals from the governments, academia, professional organisations and the information security industry of HKC and the Mainland of China to share the latest information on cyber security landscape and exchange knowledge and experience.
* Co-organised with Hong Kong Police Force, cyber security drills were conducted in 2017, 2018 and 2019 for Government departments. The exercises successfully tested the incident analysis capabilities as well as incident handling procedures of participants. HKC also participated in the APCERT drill with CERT community in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
* Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited launched a free website scanning service in 2019 to assist SMEs in identifying potential security vulnerabilities as early as possible. Currently, more than 1,000 requests were received from SMEs.
* The Government Computer Emergency Response Team Hong Kong (GovCERT.HK) continued to collaborate with the computer emergency response teams (CERT) community and security professional organisations and vendors to share cyber threat intelligence and encourage the sharing of actionable advice to assist public and private sectors as well as individuals in protecting their information systems and digital assets.
* OGCIO arranged information security seminars for senior government officials who are responsible for IT security of the respective government bureaux and departments in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to share latest updates on the cyber security initiatives, incident handling, technology crime, privacy governance, and security implementation in infrastructure within Government as well as strategy and technology aspects on information security.
* OGCIO launched government-wide phishing drill campaign in May 2019 to raise government users' awareness of phishing and their capabilities in defending against phishing attacks.  OGCIO also organised seminars, thematic websites, education videos and quizzes to introduce different ways to identify phishing emails and common pitfalls in order to deepen the understanding of phishing attacks among staff members.
* Established in 2015, Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau (CSTCB) of Hong Kong Police Force aims at enhancing the awareness and capability of cyber security and critical infrastructure in counter terrorism. CSTCB established the Cyber Security Centre which provides 24/7 hotline service for critical infrastructures in HKC. It analyses cyber-attack intelligence and shares the same with relevant stakeholders. It also assists and advises critical infrastructures in handling cyber-attacks.
* In enhancing the counter-terrorism capability of critical infrastructures, CSTCB organised regular Cyber Security Seminars, cyber range exercises and competitions for critical infrastructures. CSTCB has also organised drills regularly. The first drill was held at the Hong Kong International Airport in August 2020. It was the first counter-terrorism drill comprising both cyber and physical elements with the participation of other counter terrorism units of the Force.
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| **FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)** |
| * Ongoing public promotion and education events will continue to be organised in the coming year through various publicity channels. These include disseminating information security alerts and tips via various channels such as websites, TV and radio broadcast, social media; and arranging security seminars for the general public and stakeholders of information security industry.
* We will continue to collaborate with the industry and professional bodies in organising cyber security seminars to promote the awareness of cyber security for students, parents and teachers.
* The Cybersec Infohub will continue to encourage more public and private organisations to take part in the cross-sector sharing of cyber security information with a view to further enhancing the HKC’s overall defensive capability and resilience against cyber-attacks.
* GovCERT.HK will continue to collaborate with regional and global CERT community in sharing cyber threat information and coordinating incident response.
* GovCERT.HK will continue to arrange inter-departmental cyber security drill to enhance the incident response capabilities of Government bureaux and departments.
* Inter-departmental cyber security drills will be held by CSTCB.
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| * APEC members could make reference to GovCERT.HK website ([www.govcert.gov.hk](http://www.govcert.gov.hk)) for the latest security alerts, InfoSec portal ([www.infosec.gov.hk](http://www.infosec.gov.hk)) and Cyber Security Information Portal ([www.cybersecurity.hk](http://www.cybersecurity.hk)) for the latest news, knowledge and best practices of cyber security and the Cybersec Infohub website ([www.cybersechub.hk](http://www.cybersechub.hk)) for information shared by CERT community and various local sectors.
* APEC members could join public seminars or conference organised in HKC to gain knowledge on the latest cyber security landscape, security threats and mitigation measures.
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**POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND EXPERTISE TO OFFER**

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Economies with particular expertise and resources to offer could indicate this here and/or refer members to relevant websites.