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Activities of Student Organizations

GSAA × CEN Company Visit

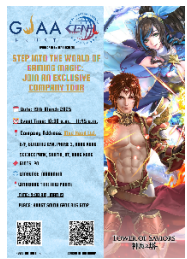
Date & Time: Wed, 19 Mar at 10:30 – 11:45

Venue: South Gate Bus Station of HKUST (Assemble at 09:00)

Organizer: Graduate Students and Alumni Association (GSAA) & China Entrepreneur Network, HKUSTSU

Registration: Please click [HERE](#)

Enquiry: su_cen@connect.ust.hk



External Activities

- 2025 UAiTED Innovation Competition - NextGen Innovator (Student Category), organized by University Alliance in Talent Education Development, due by 19 Mar 2025
- 香港青年清遠考察交流團, 粵港青年交流促進聯會主辦, 2025 年 3 月 30 日晚上 10 時截止

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Scam Alert

With the rise of digital technology and the popularity of social media, more and more people are spending their time engaging in online activities, such as banking and investing. Unfortunately, this increase in e-commerce and online investment has also led to a rise in fraudulent activities, as scammers seek opportunities to exploit victims.

Online Shopping Scam

Have you ever shopped online but not receiving the goods after payment? Most scammers defraud consumers with the following tricks:

Scammers posing as sellers

- Special Offers – Attract buyers with limited offers, sales, overseas purchasing services
- Lose contact upon receiving money – Ask buyers to transfer money into designated accounts and refuse to trade face to face. Upon receiving the money, the sellers will vanish into thin air.

Buyers Alert

Characteristics of suspicious online shops on social media platform:

The pages have been run only for a few days or weeks. No physical store address or telephone number is shown. (Hint: The “Page Transparency” section in the platform shows the date the page was created.)	The pages may be advertised on the platform to boost the visibility
Paid posters are hired to leave good reviews or comments, creating the illusion that the shops attract considerable patronage	A variety of products are being sold on the pages and most are hot items
Only a few posts are created on the pages	Most photos in the posts are captured from other online shops

Any Tips for Scam Prevention?

- Patronise reputable online sellers, trade face to face whenever possible
- Purchase tickets and shopping coupons through official sales channels
- When selling goods, do not just rely on deposit slips as proof of completed payments
- Before payment, you should search the phone number, bank account number, page name, etc. provided by the seller, and pay attention to negative reviews
- In case of doubt, terminate the transaction immediately
- If in doubt, input phone numbers, social media account names, etc, in [Scameter+](#) to assess risk, or call **18222** for enquiries

Extract from: https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/online_shopping_fraud/



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