



Dear Students,

SSA Weekly News provides you with updates on student life and activities at HKUST. Get involved and take part in the activities of interest to you!

### DSTO Update

#### MentorMates Hackathon (July 11–12 in Hong Kong) - hosted with Goodnotes

Want to win prizes, grow your skills, and explore AI's impact on learning—all in one exciting weekend?

- ✓ Free to join – no experience needed
- ✓ Friday evening + Saturday only – low time commitment
- ✓ No coding required – open to all majors: design, psychology, education, business, and more
- ✓ Real-world impact – learn how AI could shape the future of special education and workforce learning
- ✓ Prizes & Internships – win an iPad + Apple Pencil and a fast track to Goodnotes' 2026 internship 🚀

👤🗣️ Special keynote from Dr. Paul Kim, former Stanford GSE Dean

🔗 Sign up: <https://forms.gle/2WSrfqxS3vGfsEWs5>

📍 Location: Goodnotes HQ, Tsim Sha Tsui

🌐 Learn more: [www.mentormateshackathon.com](http://www.mentormateshackathon.com)

This is your chance to team up, learn new skills, and build something meaningful—no background needed. Just bring your curiosity.

### Scam Alert

Cybersecurity Learning Series –

#### Why you need to protect your privacy when using free Wi-fi

- Connecting to public networks opens up your phone to hackers and viruses
- What should you do to keep your data safe if you really want to finish your YouTube video but have run out of mobile data?



#### How to secure your device if you really have to use public Wi-fi hotspots

- Enable firewalls and antivirus software on your devices.
- Never download or install anything while using public Wi-fi – wait until you get home.
- Don't input any personal information to register for public Wi-fi. If they ask for it, don't use this network.
- When you finish using the public Wi-fi, always log out from the network, and click "Forget this network" in your settings.
- Choose your public Wi-fi wisely. Search online to check if it has been verified if you're not sure.
- Don't shop online or do anything private until you switch to a secure connection.

Extracted from CyberDefender: <https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/why-you-need-to-protect-your-privacy-when-using-free-wi-fi/>



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