

# **Stay Alert in Investment of A-Shares**

## **Defrauding Tricks**

Recently, there are scammers impersonating investment specialists and inviting members of the public to join their investment classroom groups through SMS messages and instant messaging applications, offering inside information, low risk and high return as baits. The public were lured into clicking on the unknown link to download a fraudulent “A-shares” mobile application or enter a fraudulent “A-shares” website for setting up an account. Subsequently, the scammers asked them to transfer their principal to unidentified personal bank accounts.

The scammers would deliver a small return or send fake interest distribution reports through the investment application/ website for initial transactions, tricking the victims into believing them. After the victims invested more, the scammers fled with the money.

The public are invited to tune in to the RTHK news programme called “[一桶金之財經新思維](#)” broadcast on 25 April 2023, in which Mofiz Chan, the Chairman of Hong Kong Securities & Futures Professionals Association, shared with audience some reminders about investment of A-shares.

## **Our Advice**

- Do not connect to any suspicious websites or download any attachments by clicking on hyperlinks embedded in SMS messages, emails or websites;
- You are advised to invest in Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect through registered investment institutions;
- You may check out the [public register of licensed persons and registered institutions](#) on the website of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC);
- You may enter the suspicious calling number, website or transferee’s account number on “[Scameter](#)” or “Scameter+”, the mobile application of “Scameter” for security check;
- Remind your relatives and friends to stay vigilant against deception;
- If in doubt, please call the “Anti-Scam Helpline 18222” for enquiries.

### **Relevant Links: -**

《一桶金之財經新思維》

<https://podcast.rthk.hk/podcast/item.php?pid=308&eid=218949&lang=en-US>

### **Public register of licensed persons and registered institutions**

<https://www.sfc.hk/en/Regulatory-functions/Intermediaries/Licensing/Register-of-licensed-persons-and-registered-institutions>

### **Scameter**

<https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/scameter/>