

I received a phone call 02031500189 on my hand phone. There's this lady calling from a company saying that this company is a group that deals with holiday resorts, hotels, and other leisure activities, named yihaogroups.

She said her purpose for calling me is to conduct a survey. At the moment I did not really pay attention to what she said. All was in Chinese and I just go along with the conversation. She also asked me to note down this membership number A63328. About a week later, I received another phone call from this group. I supposedly felt that it is the same lady again from the last week phone call.

This time, she told me that on 4 September 09, Astro will have a program which their company will conduct a lucky draw session. She said that the program will start at 6pm and ask me to watch. Well since I do not have Astro, I did not care much about it. She also asked me what is my membership number and I replied her I've forgotten then she told me my membership number and advised me not to lose it again.

Few days later, another call came from this lady again. With her own excitement, she was announcing that I had won cash prize worth HK\$380,000.00 which is converted to RM176,000.00. She said that since I did not claim the prize on that day, the company had my cash prize on hold. In order to get the cash prize, I need to give her my account number which I gave to her.

She also told me that her manager will give me a call to confirm my details. She also gave out her office number which is 00852 6063 5717. The next day, the manager did call me. She congratulate me and asking me to confirm my details and so on. He also ask me to call up Hang Seng Bank (fake) with the number 00852 3065 7232. Details given to me were an account number and a password.

So, I called up this "Bank" and the person who received me call had confirm with me my account balance is HK\$380,000.00. Today (Tuesday, 17 Nov 09) I called this group up since I'm curious why I still did not received the cash prize yet.

This was what I was told. In order to receive the money, I have to deposit an amount of RM5,280 for a bank insurance which is 3% of the total prize money won, in order to proceed for the cash prize transaction. then on, I start researching on the web and found some similar cases on the web, regarding this financial fraud from Hong Kong. Link: <http://g-inxane.blogspot.com/yihaogroups> website: <http://www.magnatehotels.com/> the address given on their homepage is also different from their exact location.

I believed that this financial fraud is targeting fellow Malaysians, and many could have already fallen into the trap. I hereby hope that the public will be notified regarding this fraud so to prevent more from getting their money cheated.

Status ; Letter has been sent to the Enforcement Officers to investigate on this matter. Waiting for the response.

NCCC Advise; Dear Consumers@ Beloved People Of Malaysia, kindly take note that Scam is an issue for the past few years and no longer alien to us. Some of scam operators has been identified and taken action by our government. For everyone Information it is illegal in Malaysia.

So please don't fall in any Scam trap, we urge consumers not to invest on any of followings unless a thorough investigation and authorize by the government itself, please personally checked from all the source like Internet, Forums, SSM, NCCC, KPDKK, Ministry Of Tourism and etc which is related. Please make use of the information and IT as wise as possible;

DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH;

- STRANGE NEW INVESTMENT COMPANIES
- HOLIDAY PACKAGES UNLESS AUTHORIZE BY GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES
- CROSS CHECK WITH THEM
- TIME SHARING
- INVITATIONS FROM SMS, E-MAILS

There is a lot of alternates available and we advise consumers to invest and spend wisely.

Together we become SMART CONSUMERS ! The decision is in

your hand!</p>