UNU Macau Partners with Local Universities and Organizations to Launch Cyber Resilience Capacity Building Workshops

MACAU, 1 December 2020 - United Nations University Institute in Macau (UNU Macau) officially launched the first in a series of cyber resilience capacity-building workshops for Macau civil society on Tuesday, 1 December 2020. The first workshop, titled "Introduction to Organizational Cyber Resilience Management" saw over 45 managers and directors of non-governmental organizations provided with training on the management of information and communications technology for service organizations, enterprise risk management, cybersecurity management, and the Macau cybersecurity landscape.

In officially welcoming the participants to the workshop, Dr Jingbo Huang, the director of UNU Macau, highlighted the importance of the multi-stakeholder partnerships that the Institute has fostered with the local stakeholders towards accelerating the achievement of Macau's development plans and the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNU Macau organized the workshop in collaboration with the Faculty of Business of City University of Macau, Faculty of Business and Law of the University of Saint Joseph, TopSOC Information Security Limited, and Caritas Macau, with support from the Macau Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT).

On reflecting on the importance of institutions engaging on locally impactful projects, Prof. Jose Alves, the Dean of the Faculty of Business at CityU noted that business schools need to engage more with the real world and contribute to solve real problems. He added that the CityU's Faculty of Business places great importance in sustainability and social impact.

The rollout of the cyber resilience capacity-building workshops in Macau is well-timed given the enactment of Macau Cybersecurity Law in late 2019 and the growing incidence of cybersecurity threats that organizations should defend themselves against. The workshop was designed to help non-governmental organizations be more cyber-aware and take proactive measures to manage their cybersecurity risks.

Mr Paul Pun Chi Meng, the Secretary-General of Caritas Macau, who also attended the workshop, noted that it is important to promote and encourage people working in the social services sector to learn more about cyber resilience so that they can have a better understanding of cyber risks and mitigation measures.

Subsequent workshops are planned for next year, targeting ICT-support staff and all personnel within non-governmental organizations.

"Through partnerships with government, academia, and private sector stakeholders, our goal is for every civil society organization in Macau to be trained and equipped to be cyber resilient," said Dr Mamello Thinyane, the project lead from UNU Macau.

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About United Nations University Institute in Macau
The United Nations University Institute in Macau is a research institute at the intersections of information and communication technology (ICT) and international development. UNU MACAU conducts UN policy-relevant research and generates solutions, addressing key issues expressed in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through high-impact innovations and frontier technologies.

About Caritas Macau

Caritas Macau is a social service organization whose objective is to provide continuous, innovative, integrated and diversified services, both material and non-material, to individuals, families and organizations covering all sectors of the community from youngsters to elderly. Its staff and volunteers have been working earnestly in keeping with the core spirit of love and care for minorities and the deprived of the Macau community and society.

About City University of Macau

City University of Macau, formerly known as University of East Asia which was established in 1981, was renamed in 2011 and has adopted the development strategy of "Rename, Restructure, Transform, and Upgrade". The University pursues the path of a metropolitan university and integrates with urban lives, achieving excellence in humanities, art, business, commerce, new engineering and social science. It strives to realize its mission and fulfill its social responsibility of "Rooted in Macau and Serving the Greater Bay Area". Guided by the motto of "Virtue, Knowledge, Practice" and leveraging the integrated development of higher education in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the University is dedicated to nurturing practical talent for Macao and the region and keeping up its efforts in providing intelligence support intelligence support to urban and social development.

About University of Saint Joseph

The University of Saint Joseph (Macao) is a Catholic university of China, rooted in a long tradition of intercultural exchange that has been the hallmark of Catholic higher education in Macao since the College of Saint Paul, founded in 1594. The combined local and Portuguese roots of the University make it particularly suited to embody at the academic level Macao's strategic objective to act as a platform from which to boost relations between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. "Scientia et Virtus" (Knowledge and Virtue), motto of the Diocese of Macao, points our academic community to a harmonious pursuit of truth and the common good, for the benefit of humanity, the Chinese people and Macao's own multicultural society.

About TopSOC Information Security Limited

TopSOC Information Security Limited is formed by security professionals in Macau and provides Managed Security Services (MSS) including Security Operation Centre (SOC), professional security services including penetrating testing and computer forensic and selling and deploying Data Voyager's Logbox, Sophos, and Palo Alto solutions. We believe an ongoing monitoring with specialized security experience is required to neutralize the fast-growing cyber-attacks. We aim to provide effective security services based on our self-developed tools to take full control of security

incidents in Monitoring, Threat Hunting and Detection, Incident Response and Forensic in order to minimize the security risk of our clients.

Event Photos

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Pic_1 – Workshop participants

Pic_2 – Workshop certificate of participation issued by UNU Macau

Pic_3 – Workshop participants

Pic_4 - Workshop organizers and trainers (from left to right): Christy Un, Debora Christine, Tiffany Leung, Mamello Thinyane, Farzad Sabetzadeh, Terry Cheung, and Emil Marques