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6. Recently several incidents of unauthorised disclosure of confidential information pertaining to HKIRC on some popular websites have been discovered and reported. HKIRC has taken appropriate actions to report those incidents to law enforcement agencies and requested that investigation be conducted as soon as possible.