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### Hong Kong Chapter and OSAC Organize Joint Event on Integrity Risks



**Former Hong Kong Police Officer, Michael Short**

The ASIS International Hong Kong Chapter, in conjunction with the United States Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) in Hong Kong, held its annual half-day workshop on June 19, with four experienced speakers providing briefings on areas related to the theme of integrity risks. After the workshop, attendees were treated to a networking session and dinner.

Michael Short, a former Hong Kong police officer who has set up three of Asia's most successful due diligence and background screening businesses provided an overview of the integrity risk management industry in the past, through the present, and into the future. His catch phrase, "Are you dealing with the person

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you think you are?" resonated for all attendees. Short conveyed the message that, the tools used to conduct background screenings have changed and will continue to do so, giving service providers an increased ability to deliver their clients a results of background checks in a timely and efficient manner.

Iain Johnston, another former Hong Kong police officer and now head of financial crimes and security at Prudential Corporation Asia, illustrated how Prudential has worked toward developing a successful integrity risk framework in Asia. Attendees heard that top management was in need of much persuasion to bring such a framework into being. In addition, the company had to take into consideration local language and culture, without compromising global policies, to ensure understanding and buy-in at its many locations across Asia. The verity of the adage "low risk does not mean no risk" was reinforced by the need for ongoing follow-up and testing to ensure appropriate measures were in place to guarantee minimal impact on the company's brand, operations or personnel.

Michael Kwan, a cybersecurity expert -- who formerly worked for Hong Kong Customs and is now the director of technology, Asia-Pacific, at the Motion Pictures Association Internet Centre -- spoke on the subject of security risks associated with "Over the Top" (OTT) systems and Set Top Boxes (STB). In today's high-tech world, many people opt to buy STBs as a means of receiving cheaper media broadcasts. Kwan described the use of malware by unscrupulous OTT or STB providers and external hackers who could use vulnerabilities in a user's home network to infiltrate their computer system or potentially their work laptop if it was in use nearby the STB. The result could be attacks on private or corporate data and information, as well as use of a home computer as part of a multipronged cyberattack on a specific external target.

Ilya Umanskiy, an associate managing director of Kroll, Hong Kong, covered the topic of integrity risk management in a more holistic manner. He challenged attendees to self-asses their controls in place to satisfy themselves that a person or provider is who they say they are and, equally important, that the person or provider can do the job for which they were engaged. Ilya's challenge was reinforced with several examples showing where companies had clearly failed in this responsibility, leaving themselves far more exposed to risks than the company may have thought.

The speakers were presented with mementos by Chapter Chair Tyn van Amelsfoort, OSAC Chair Martin Lerigo, and the US Consulate Regional Security Officer Mark Lewis.



Amelsfoort (left), Lerigo (center) and Johnston



Amelsfoort (left) and Umanskiy

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Kwan (left) and Mark Lewis

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### Mumbai Chapter Meeting



On June 19, the Mumbai chapter held a meeting at Wipro Technology in Bengaluru, India. More than 100 participants attended.

The meeting was opened by Chapter Vice Chair Wilfred Bradford, who thanked the host and welcomed the chapter members and security professionals. He gave a brief overview of ASIS International, including its aims and objectives, then presented chapter updates. Bradford also emphasized the importance of being an ASIS member and encouraged participants to utilize this well-established platform for professional development, networking, and sharing information with other security professionals.

Shravanti Chaudhry spoke about a new innovative technology, the Virtual Guest Pass System, which is an app-based visitor registration service that can save money and is user friendly.

Raja Ukil, CIO of Wipro Technology, gave an overview on the growing convergence of security and information technology and emphasized that the security industry must adapt quickly to this inevitable change.

R. Guha spoke about a new anomaly detection software that uses data tools to uncover cases of fraud and assist in their investigation.

Warren Gladstone, head of global security group at Wipro Technologies, spoke about benchmarking campus security and explained the various gradations of security by which an internal framework can be created for bench marking different campuses.

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Christopher Bryson made a presentation on SmartTech X-Ray Screener which is designed by explosive recognition experts to remotely support screening operations.

Finally, Bradford thanked all the security professionals for attending the meeting and making it a success. He once again encouraged everyone to join ASIS and extended his support on behalf of the Mumbai Chapter hoping it would organize more such events in the future. He closed the meeting by sharing the ASIS India leadership's idea of creating an independent Bengaluru Chapter that would be initially supported by Mumbai.

The submission deadline for the next issue is August 7.

## ASIS International News

### OSAC and ASIS International Sign MOU

The United States Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and ASIS International have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance collaboration and information sharing between the two security organizations.

As a result of this agreement, OSAC affirms its willingness to provide U.S. government representatives such as regional security officers, intelligence analysts, and other subject-matter experts to ASIS in-person and online events globally. ASIS will designate space on the Global Terrorism Council, as well as other councils as needed, for an OSAC representative. In addition, the organizations will investigate opportunities to collocate OSAC regional events with ASIS global conferences.

"ASIS and OSAC members possess significant expertise in identifying and mitigating risks to people, property, and information," says Michael J. Stack, ASIS CEO. "This MOU strengthens our strategic relationship, promotes private and public sector cooperation and collaboration, and provides practitioners with a greater understanding of global security threats facing multinational organizations" he adds.

Directed by a council of 34 representatives from companies and government agencies concerned with overseas security, OSAC promotes dialogue between the U.S. government and the American private sector on security issues abroad.

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To apply for this award, you must be:

- An ASIS member in good standing
- 40 years or younger or new to the security management profession, regardless of age.

Download the [application](#). Submissions are due by July 31.

A panel of industry professionals will review and select the winners based on the need expressed in the essay questions and the application's strength.

The winners will be notified by August 21.

## Asia-Pacific Overview

### New China Law to Boost Cybersecurity



China's legislature adopted a national security law that covers everything from cybersecurity to activities in space.

President Xi Jinping, who heads a newly established national security commission, has said that China's security covers a wide range of areas, including politics, culture, the military, the economy, technology and the environment.

The law will "protect people's fundamental interests." He added.

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Source:  
*World Bulletin*

### Security Tightened on India-Pakistan Border After Attack



India tightened security on the border with Pakistan after heavily armed men stormed a police station in the northern frontier state of Punjab, killing six people and wounding several others.

Armed police exchanged fire with the gunmen, who were holed up in the police station in Gurdaspur district more than eight hours after the assault began, officials said.

Gunshots were heard on television as security forces in red turbans surrounded the building in the town of Dinanagar, about 15 km (10 miles) from the international border. Soldiers were also deployed, at least one armed with a shoulder-mounted rocket launcher.

[Read more.](#)

Source:  
*World Bulletin*

## UK and Indonesia Apply Measures to Counter IS



**British Prime Minister, David Cameron**

The United Kingdom and Indonesia have agreed measures to counter the "shared enemy" of Islamic State (IS) extremism, Prime Minister David Cameron said.

The Prime Minister, who was in Indonesia for a four-day tour of the region, said 50 police officers from the country will be given counter-terrorism training in the UK.

Cameron promised UK help to increase airport security in Bali and Jakarta.

He also said that he was willing to take military action in Libya, or anywhere else, if there was a threat to Britain.

[Read more.](#)

Source: The BBC

## Education and Events

**ASIS International 61st Annual Seminar and Exhibits**



The [ASIS International 61st Annual Seminar and Exhibits \(ASIS 2015\)](#) and the collocated (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Security Congress are renowned for delivering the profession's most [comprehensive education program](#) for operational and cybersecurity specialists. This year is no exception. Join 20,000 industry peers from September 28 to October 1 in Anaheim, California, USA for:

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### ASIS China 2015: Registration will Open Later in August



The ASIS China Conference will be held December 3 and 4 in Shanghai.

The event will provide two days of cutting-edge educational sessions on a range of security topics by senior security professionals sharing their experience and best practices.

The event will provide ample opportunities for networking, as a reception, two lunches, and breaks are planned.

### Who Should Attend

- Security management professionals
- Corporate executives in IT, supply chain management, strategic planning, and human resources
- Representatives from companies providing security services and solutions
- Law enforcement and fire protection professionals
- Facility management professionals
- Intelligence services and military personnel
- Government officials (Justice and Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Defense)
- Academics
- Consultants, vendors, and architects

### Benefits of Attending

- Get the latest information on key security issues affecting your businesses.
- Develop effective strategies and solutions for protecting an organization's people, property, and data.
- See and compare innovative technologies, products, and services.
- Network with security professionals and officials from around the globe.

### Registration will open Later in August!

For further information, please contact [asiapacific@asisonline.org](mailto:asiapacific@asisonline.org) or visit the conference [website](#).

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ASIS International 7th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition will be held from February 21 to 23, 2016, at the Events Centre of the InterContinental Festival City Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The event will address a full spectrum of topics in security management such as: supply chain security, loss prevention, hotel security, intellectual property, maritime piracy, terrorism, executive protection, internal theft and fraud, competitive intelligence, brand protection, physical security, cybersecurity, investigations, due diligence, and global business issues.

For further information, please contact [middleeast@asisonline.org](mailto:middleeast@asisonline.org) or visit the [conference website](#).

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ASIS International will hold its [15th European Security Conference & Exhibition](#) (ASIS Europe 2016) from April 6 to 8, 2016, in London.

Conference participants share and learn effective strategies and solutions for securing their organizations' people, property, and information in today's challenging global security environment.

Subject matter experts are invited to participate in the conference program by submitting a proposal for a presentation.

Proposals on all security-related topics are sought including: supply chain security, loss prevention, hotel security, intellectual property, maritime piracy, terrorism, executive protection, internal theft and fraud, competitive intelligence, brand protection, physical security, cybersecurity and convergence, investigations, due diligence, and global business issues.

### [Submit your proposal](#)

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**December 3-4, 2015** -- [ASIS China Security Conference](#), Shanghai, China

**February 21-23, 2016** -- [ASIS 7th Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition](#), Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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