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The upcoming ASIS International China Conference, which will take place on December 3 and 4, has already attracted a diverse audience. Delegates are confirmed from sectors such as manufacturing, oil and gas, insurance, IT and telecoms. With around half of the current delegates from China, others will travel to the event from the wider Asia-Pacific Region as well as from further afield.

Reduced rates are available until the early-bird deadline of October 22. Register now for what promises to be a special, first full-scale educational event by ASIS in Mainland China.

Keynote Sessions:

Using Standards to Align Security with Your Business Objectives

Dr. Marc Siegel, Commissioner Global Standards Initiative, ASIS International, Belgium



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Totti Karpela, Director, Peace of Mind Threat Management Co. Ltd., Hong Kong



China 2020: will the reforms work?

Tim Summers, Senior Consulting Fellow - Asia Programme, Chatham House
Managing Director, XTEChina Consulting Ltd., Hong Kong



The registration brochure is available [here](#).

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[Find the updated program here.](#)

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

Grove APAC Regional Scholarship Application Deadline November 2



Dan Grove

The Dan Grove APAC Regional Scholarship recognizes an emerging security management professional and member of ASIS International in the Asia-Pacific Region who exhibits a commitment to the practice of security management through both a security career and ASIS or other security industry volunteerism.

The recipient will receive one complimentary registration to the 2015 ASIS China Conference, including transportation and accommodations.

Please note the deadline for [applications](#) is November 2.

Daniel A. Grove, CPP, was an FBI Agent for 25 years and a China specialist for much of that service. He opened the FBI liaison office at the American Consulate General in Hong Kong in 1966. From that post, he covered most of Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Queries on ASIS International Asia-Pacific events, membership, benefits, resources, or certifications, can be addressed to:

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After retiring from the FBI and serving as security manager in the Asia-Pacific Region for Levi Strauss & Company, Grove returned to Hong Kong and worked for Pinkerton Asia, Security Support Services, Ltd., and Hill & Associates. He was active in founding the ASIS Hong Kong Chapter and served as its first chair.

This award is named in Grove's memory in recognition of his contribution to the security industry in the Asia-Pacific Region, and his desire to nurture the security professionals of the future.

The application form can be downloaded [here](#).

Victoria and New Delhi Win Chapter Website of the Year Awards

Congratulations to the Victoria, Australia Chapter, which was the winner of Chapter Website of the Year Award in Group 4.



Victoria Chapter Chair Tony Zalewski (third from right) and chapter members Rachael Saunders, CPP (third from left) and Pascal Engler (right) are presented the award by (back row, left to right): ASIS President Dave N. Tyson, CPP; ASIS President-Elect David Davis, CPP; ASIS Treasurer Thomas Langer, CPP; and ASIS Secretary Richard Chase, CPP, PCI, PSP.

Congratulations are also extended to the New Delhi, India Chapter, which received an Honorable Mention in the Chapter Website of the Year Award for the Group 4 competition.

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Kaushik Ranjan (center), New Delhi, India Chapter member accepts the award on behalf of the chapter. Pictured with him are (left to right): Tyson, Davis, Langer, and Chase.

The submission deadline for the next issue is November 2.

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Security Spotlight focuses on Investigations

SECURITY SPOTLIGHT

Get free resources including the new ANSI/ASIS Investigations Standard, access to an archived open source intelligence webinar, *Security Management* content, and selections from the *Protection of Assets*. View past spotlights on [Preparedness](#), [The Business Case for Security](#), [Supply Chain Security](#), and more.

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Not only will you find [the industry's best jobs](#) listed there, but the ASIS International Career Center also offers security professionals [free career advice, podcasts, webinars on résumé development and networking](#). Create a profile and get started today.

Foundation Calendar Online

An ASIS Foundation online calendar has been prepared to help ASIS International chapter leaders promote the professional development of members and students in their community through ASIS Foundation awards and scholarships.

View the calendar [here](#).

Note that the application deadline for the University of Phoenix scholarships is now December 1 and there is a new Transitions Council Certification Scholarship that provides an opportunity for ASIS members who work in law enforcement to pursue ASIS board certification. Scholarships cover the expenses of application, preparation (online review), and testing for the CPP, PCI, or PSP certifications.

Applications are welcome from ASIS members worldwide.

More information is available [here](#) or contact Barbara Buzzell, ASIS Foundation director at Barbara.Buzzell@asisonline.org; Phone +1.703.518.1441.

Open Space Forum Launched

ASIS International recently announced the launch of an Open Space Forum for security education, research, and training (SERT) Professionals.

The forum will take place on June 7 and 8, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

For more information, see the event flyer [here](#).

For questions and registration, e-mail Kay Burgess, director of education programs, at kay.burgess@asisonline.org.

Viewpoints and Articles

CPP or No CPP? That is the Question



By *Jasvir S. Saini, CPP*

Sitting for the ASIS International [Certified Protection Professional®](#) (CPP) examination is as big a leap as any that a security professional can take in his or

her career. I earned mine in 2013 and since then I have often been asked by aspirants whether I would recommend that they also study for and take the exam. Because of this, I have decided to share my experience with a wider audience of my peers.

Security professionals should adopt a regimented approach to the goal of earning the CPP designation. The first phase begins with a firm make decision to take the exam and to move forward in the process without delay. After making the decision, would-be CPPs should begin by reading about the designation online at the ASIS website. The material there will give you fair idea of what will be expected from of a successful candidate and will illuminate the various topic areas that are found on the exam.

The next step is to purchase or otherwise gain access to the comprehensive series, *Protection of Assets* (POA), which is written and edited by hundreds of veteran security subject matter experts, and available in eight volumes. As a set, the *POA* serves as the primary reference for the CPP exam. Topics covered are crisis management, security management, security officer operations, investigations, information security, physical security, applications, and legal issues.

A study plan should be set up by aspiring designees. My recommendation is to read the references completely two to three times and to study them daily. Occasional readings make it difficult to grasp and retain the material. It can also help to speak with those who have obtained the CPP to get their advice on study habits and on what worked best for them throughout the process.

There are practice examinations available, and I would recommend them before sitting for the actual exam. These practice exams can highlight areas where greater study is needed and will "acclimatize" candidates to the exam's format. I also suggest maintaining a log of hours studied, because I believe that 300 to 500 hours of study is a must for all CPP aspirants.

When taking the exam, remember that it tests conceptual knowledge and not facts and figures. Also, read the questions and the answer options with equal care, but mind the time, as sitters have to answer 225 questions in 240 minutes, meaning there is a little over one minute for each question. I would recommend answering easier questions first and return to more difficult ones.

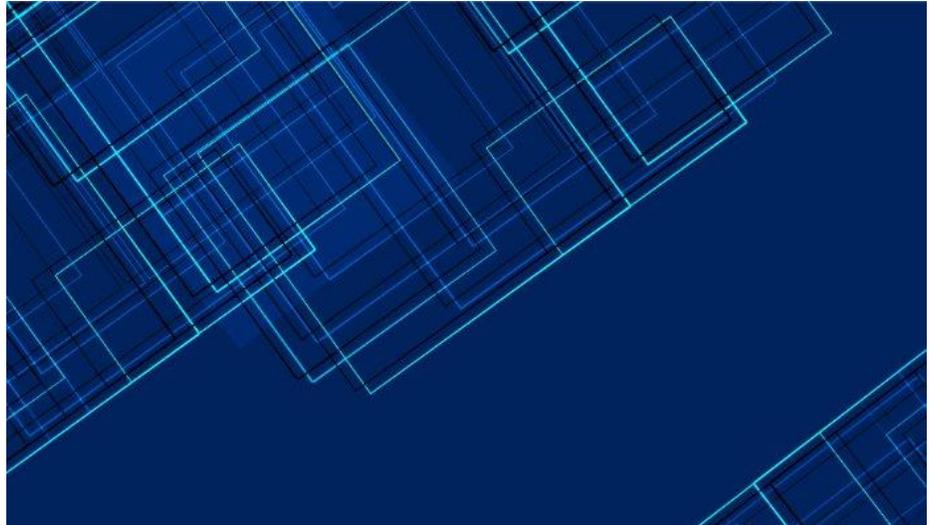
One of the benefits of the CPP exam format it is that it provides an instant score- either a thumps up or thumps down. As advice for those who do not pass on the first attempt, it doesn't matter; learn from the experience, study more in the areas that were more difficult, and attempt the test again. You *will* succeed, sooner or later.

I hope more security professionals climb the CPP ladder, because collectively, as CPPs, we will create better security value for the organizations in which we work. To everyone attempting to become a CPP, all the best!



Jasvir S. Saini, CPP, has 14 years of security management experience with Reliance Industries Limited. He holds a Bachelor in Arts in Economics and a diploma in cyber law.

Smart Cities: Alluring or Alarming?



By Mike Hurst

That font of all modern knowledge Wikipedia, defines a Smart City as one that "uses digital technologies to enhance performance and well-being, to reduce costs and resource consumption, and to engage more effectively and actively with its citizens." I think that's a pretty good place to start. So what digital technologies are we referring to? Transport, energy, health care, utilities, education, retail, and how about security?

All of these and others make up the 'Internet of Things' although the first thing we need is high speed, reliable, city-wide, and free connectivity.

[Read the rest of the article here.](#)



Mike Hurst is vice chair of the ASIS United Kingdom Chapter.

China Tightens Mail Security after Deadly Parcel Bomb Attack



Wei was involved in disputes over a stone quarry in Liucheng.

China's postal service has ordered tighter checks on packages after a series of mail bombs that killed 11 people and injured 51 last week in the county of Liucheng in Guangxi Province.

Mail carriers and overnight delivery services must conduct additional checks for explosives, dangerous chemicals, weapons, gunpowder, and poisons, the State Post Bureau said on its website yesterday. Closer cooperation with police was also required, it said.

The announcement followed a series of 18 explosions in Liuzhou, Guangxi province last Wednesday and Thursday, which was blamed on a 33-year-old man, Wei Yinyong, who had long-standing disputes with neighbors and companies involved in stone quarrying.

[Read more here.](#)

Source: *South China Morning Post*



TorrentLocker outbreaks have plagued users across several regions for years. A strain of ransomware that uses file encryption to extort money from its victims, TorrentLocker has long been observed in North America, Europe, and Australia.

A recently published paper by TrendMicro aims to provide more detail on TorrentLocker infections seen in the first half of 2015, more specifically, details on common evasion techniques and solutions to battle this ongoing threat.

[Read more here.](#)

Source: *Asia Pacific Security Magazine*

Small-Scale Terror Attacks in Bangladesh



Bangladeshi police at the scene of an attack.

Fear of terror attacks tends to focus on the "spectaculars," such as the big bomb plots that kill lots of people, but small-scale terror attacks are becoming increasingly common and have disturbing implications. Two recent murders in Bangladesh show just how effective small-scale attacks can be at spreading fear and paralyzing ordinary life.

On the evening of 28 September, a 50-year-old Italian aid worker, Cesare Tavella, was jogging along a road the upmarket Gulshan area of Dhaka. Gulshan is the Mayfair of the Bangladeshi capital: it's where the embassies, the posh hotels and the swanky restaurants are. Three men pulled up on a motorcycle and shot Tavella from behind three times at close range, then drove off into the night. He died of his wounds.

Five days later, another foreigner was targeted. Kunio Hoshi, a Japanese citizen who ran an agricultural project in Rangpur District of Northern Bangladesh, was riding in a rickshaw when he was shot dead by masked men on a motorcycle.

[Read more here.](#)

Source: *BBC News*

Thailand Must Increase Security

A panel of local and foreign experts has highlighted "huge vulnerabilities" in Thailand's domestic security, concluding that efforts must be made to improve the nation's ability to counter "terrorist operations" in the wake of the Erawan Shrine bombing

Anthony Davis, a security consultant for IHS-Jane's group, told a Bangkok university seminar that he remained "pessimistic" in the aftermath of the August 17 blast that killed 20 people and injured more than 130 others.

"I don't think the bombing will be a watershed and change the way the security structure is organized," he told attendees of "Thailand: the way forward after the Erawan Shrine Bombing," but quickly added, "Therein lies the problem."

[Read more here.](#)

Source: *Turkish Weekly*

Education and Events

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Are you planning to attend the next ASIS European Conference in London, which will take place from April 6 to 8, 2016? Registration opens with the **Super Saver Week, October 19 to 26**.

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For further information, please contact europa@asisonline.org or [visit the website](#).

ASIS Middle East 2016: Registration Open



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.

Register [here](#).

The preliminary program is available [here](#).

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

Global Agenda

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

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

April 6 to 8, 2016 -- [ASIS 15th European Security Conference & Exhibition](#), London, United Kingdom

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