

Gatekeeper Letter

Title of Project: A Comprehensive Comparative Study Between the United Kingdom and Taiwan:
Public Private Collaboration and Cooperation in Tackling Large Scale Cyber Attacks

Dear [Gatekeeper Name]

I would like to invite you to assist me in conducting a research study. Before you decide you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you and for the participants. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Ask questions if anything you read is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not to facilitate this research.

WHO I AM AND WHAT THIS STUDY IS ABOUT

My name is Chi-Hsuan, Cheng and I am currently starting a research project for my PhD in Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology at University of Southampton. With the ever-changing cyber attacks techniques, as well as many reasons such as political factors, economic factors and Covid-19 pandemic that can affect national and international cyber security. The development of cyber security should not just keep up the pace with the techniques conducted by cyber criminals but should go beyond instead. Therefore, by comparing the UK and Taiwan, this research aims to target the current cooperative mechanisms between governments and private sectors on cyber security and propose practical recommendations on the future public-private partnerships.

WHAT I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH

I would like to ask for your help in referring suitable participants in your organisation. We are looking for suitable participants from the below two categories, with 4 participants in each category:

- 1) Investigators or police officers who are in charge or involved in cyber attacks investigation and prevention (4 Participants from Taiwan).
- 2) Private cyber security techniques or services providers (4 Participants from Taiwan).

Please beware that your role is simply distributing information and that interested participants should contact the researcher directly.

WHAT TAKING PART IN THE RESEARCH WILL INVOLVE?

All the individuals will separately participate a 1 hour semi-structured interview, which includes a set of questions and an open discussion in the end. During the interview, an audio recording will be conducted. The recording will be only used for this study.

WHO WILL HAVE ACCESS TO DATA FROM RESEARCH?

All the information we collect from the participants are kept strictly confidential and the results will be reported in a research paper available to all participants on completion. Only members of the research team and responsible members of the University of Southampton may be given access to data about the participants for monitoring purposes and/or to carry out an audit of the study to ensure that the research is complying with applicable regulations. Individuals from regulatory authorities (people who check that we are carrying out the study correctly) may require access to the data of participants. All these people have a duty to keep the participants' information, as a research participant, strictly confidential.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY?

The final research result will be presented in a PhD thesis, which will be made freely available on the Web through the Institutional Research Repository of University of Southampton.

WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

Please contact the researcher for more information.

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If this is possible please could you e-mail me at C-H.Cheng@soton.ac.uk to confirm that you are willing to distribute the information in your institution.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely/faithfully

Chi-Hsuan, Cheng