

Warning: Asia should not take hacking lightly

HACKING may be more serious in Asia than in the US because of the general negligence of the companies, according to Erik Laykin, president, Online Labs, an US-based Internet security services provider.

“There are not many security measures that are taken in Asia. Most companies do not take this issue seriously, resulting in their systems becoming less sophisticated,” he explained.

Laykin said: “In Hong Kong, hacking is seldom heard because of the culture. Companies are very concerned about their reputation. It is an issue of ‘losing face’ and even if their data has been stolen or extracted, either internally or externally, they don’t report it.”

Hacking, however, is not the biggest problem, but internal fraud is, he emphasised. “The employee or executive who has the access can remove, change or steal data.”

Laykin advised companies to take sufficient security measures on their networks. He said: “All of the security tools are important. Each of them has its own application and we recommend them to be used together.”

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