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AML Webinar for Money Lending Industry

Suspicious Transaction Reports,
Introduction of STREAMS 2,
Common Typologies and
Case Sharing

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Agenda of FIIB's Sharing

**Introduction
of FIIB and
JFIU**

**Key
Legislation**

**STR
Reporting
Regime**

**Introduction
of
STREAMS 2**

**STR
Reporting in
STREAMS 2**

**ML
Landscape**

**Common
Typologies
&
Case
Sharing**



01. About FIIB & JFIU



1989

Expansion of FID and JFIU



2021

Features of JFIU

✓ Co-staffed

Co-staffed by HKPF and
C&ED and based in Police
Headquarters

✓ Sole Agency in HK

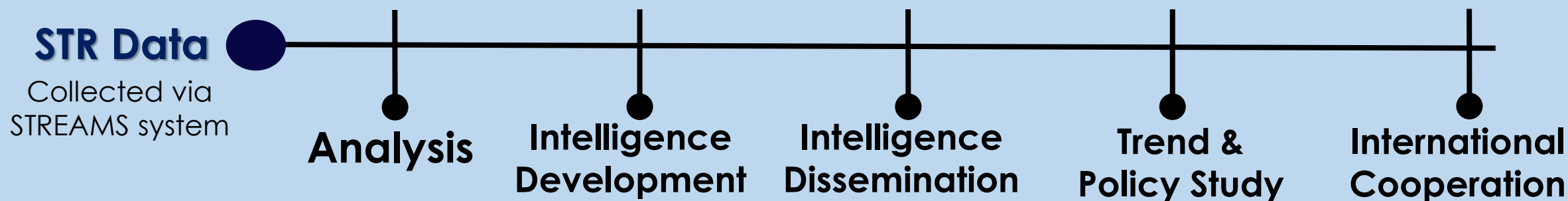
Managing Suspicious Transaction
Reporting Regime

✓ Partnership

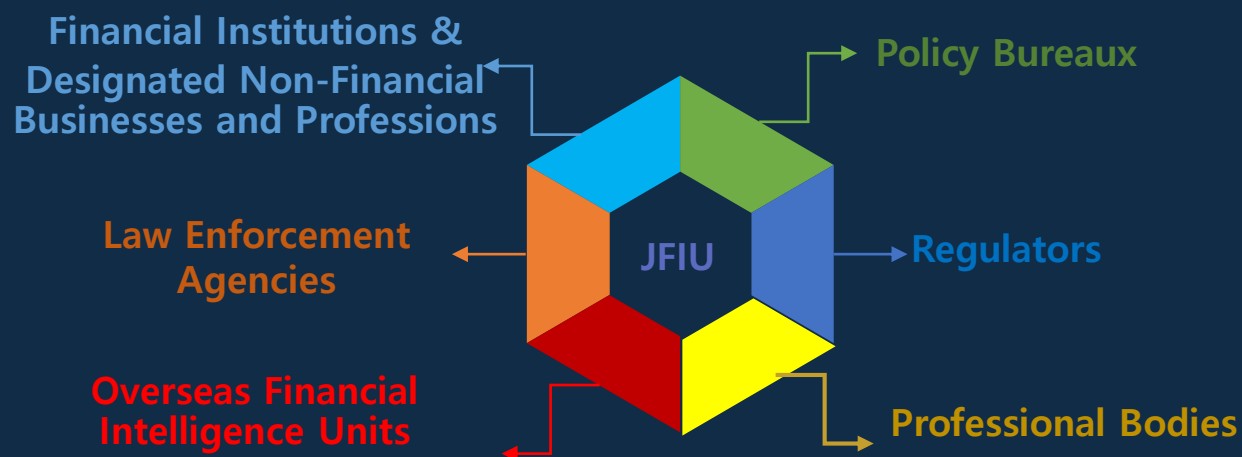
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Exchange with LEAs and
FIUs worldwide

01. About FIIB & JFIU

Functions of the JFIU



Public-Private Partnership



02. Key Legislation



Cap. 405

Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance
販毒(追討得益)條例

Cap. 455

Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance
有組織及嚴重罪行條例

Cap. 575

United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance
聯合國(反恐怖主義措施)條例

Cap. 615

AML & CFT Ordinance and Amendment
打擊洗錢及恐怖分子資金籌集
(金融機構)條例及其修訂



02. Key Legislation

Anti-Money Laundering (AML)

(s.25 of Cap. 405 - DTROP and s.25 of Cap. 455 - OSCO)

Any person

- **Knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe**
- **Any property**
- **In whole or in part directly or indirectly represents proceeds of drug trafficking / indicatable offence**
- **Deals with that property**

任何人

- 知道或有合理理由相信，
- 任何財產
- 全部或部分、直接或間接代表任何人的販毒/從可公訴罪行得益
- 而仍處理該財產
- 即屬犯罪

MAXIMUM PENALTY

**FINE OF HKD 5 MILLIONS &
14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT**



02. Key Legislation

Counter Financing of Terrorism (CFT)

(s.7 of Cap. 575 - UNATMO)

Any person

- **Provide** or **collect** by any means directly or indirectly
- Any property
- **(1)** With the intention that the property be used or **(2)** knowing that the property will be used
- In whole or in part to commit one or more terrorist acts

任何人

- 不得在下述情況以任何方法直接或間接提供或籌集財產：
- (1) 懷有將該財產的全部或部分用於作出一項或多於一項恐怖主義行為的意圖(不論該財產實際上有否被如此使用)；或
- (2) 知道該財產的全部或部分將會用於作出一項/多於一項恐怖主義行為(不論該財產實際上有否被如此使用)

MAXIMUM PENALTY

FINE & **14 YEARS'** IMPRISONMENT



02. Key Legislation

Suspicious Transactions Reporting

(s.25A(1) of Cap. 405 - DTROP; s.25A(1) of Cap. 455 - OSCO; and s12(1) of Cap. 575 - UNATMO)

Any person

- **Knows or suspects any property**
- **(1) represents / was used / is intended to be used in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking / indictable offences or**
- **(2) is terrorist property**
- **Should disclose that knowledge or suspicion to an authorized officer (i.e. JFIU)**

任何人

- 知道或懷疑任何財產
- (1) 全部或部分、直接或間接代表任何人的販毒/從可公訴罪行得益曾在與販毒/可公訴罪行有關的情況下使用；或擬在與販毒/可公訴罪行有關的情況下使用；或
- (2) 是恐怖分子財產；
- 該人須在合理範圍內盡快把該知悉或懷疑，連同上述知悉或懷疑所根據的任何事宜，向獲授權人披露 (i.e. JFIU)

MAXIMUM PENALTY

**FINE OF HKD 50,000 &
3 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT**



02. Key Legislation

TIPPING OFF

(s.25A(5) of Cap. 405 - DTROP; s.25A(5) of Cap. 455 - OSCO; and s12(5) of Cap. 575 - UNATMO)

Where a person

- **Knows or suspects** a disclosure has been made
- The person shall **not disclose** to another person any matter
- Which is likely to prejudice any investigation which might be conducted following that first-mentioned disclosure

任何人如知道或懷疑已有任何披露根據第(1)或(4)款作出，而仍向其他人披露任何相當可能損害或者會為跟進首述披露而進行的調查的事宜，

即屬犯罪。

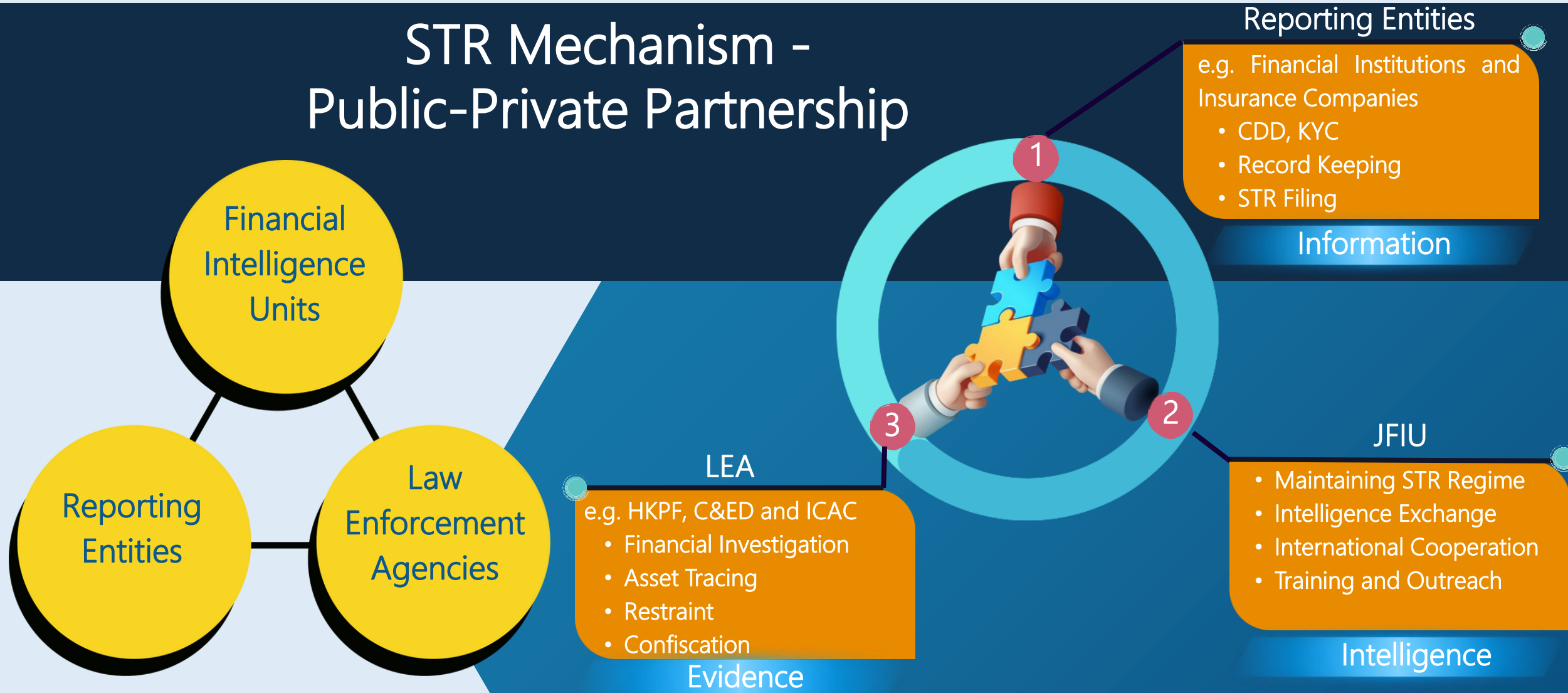
MAXIMUM PENALTY

FINE OF HKD **500,000** &
3 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT



03. STR Reporting Regime

STR Mechanism - Public-Private Partnership



03. STR Reporting Regime

Why should you report STRs?

1



Legal obligations for all citizens in Hong Kong

2



No reporting threshold

3



Source of report and reported details will be kept confidential

4



Legal protection to civil and criminal liability



What's more?

<https://www.cr.gov.hk/en/Guidelines.htm>



公 司 註 冊 處
COMPANIES REGISTRY

Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and
Counter-Financing of Terrorism

(For Licensed Money Lenders)

March 2025



公 司 註 冊 處
COMPANIES REGISTRY

打擊洗錢
及
恐怖分子資金籌集指引

(持牌放債人適用)

2025 年 3 月

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What's more?

MLRO		
	7.9	A licensee should appoint an MLRO as a central reference point for reporting suspicious transactions and also as the main point of contact with the JFIU and law enforcement agencies. The MLRO should play an active role in the identification and reporting of suspicious transactions. Principal functions of the MLRO should include having oversight of: (a) review of internal disclosures and exception reports and, in light of all available relevant information, determination of
	7.12	A licensee should establish and maintain clear policies and procedures to ensure that: (a) all staff are made aware of the identity of the MLRO and of the procedures to follow when making an internal report; and (b) all internal reports should reach the MLRO without undue delay.
	7.13	MLRO should ensure that all staff are made aware of the identity of the MLRO and of the procedures to follow when making an internal report; and

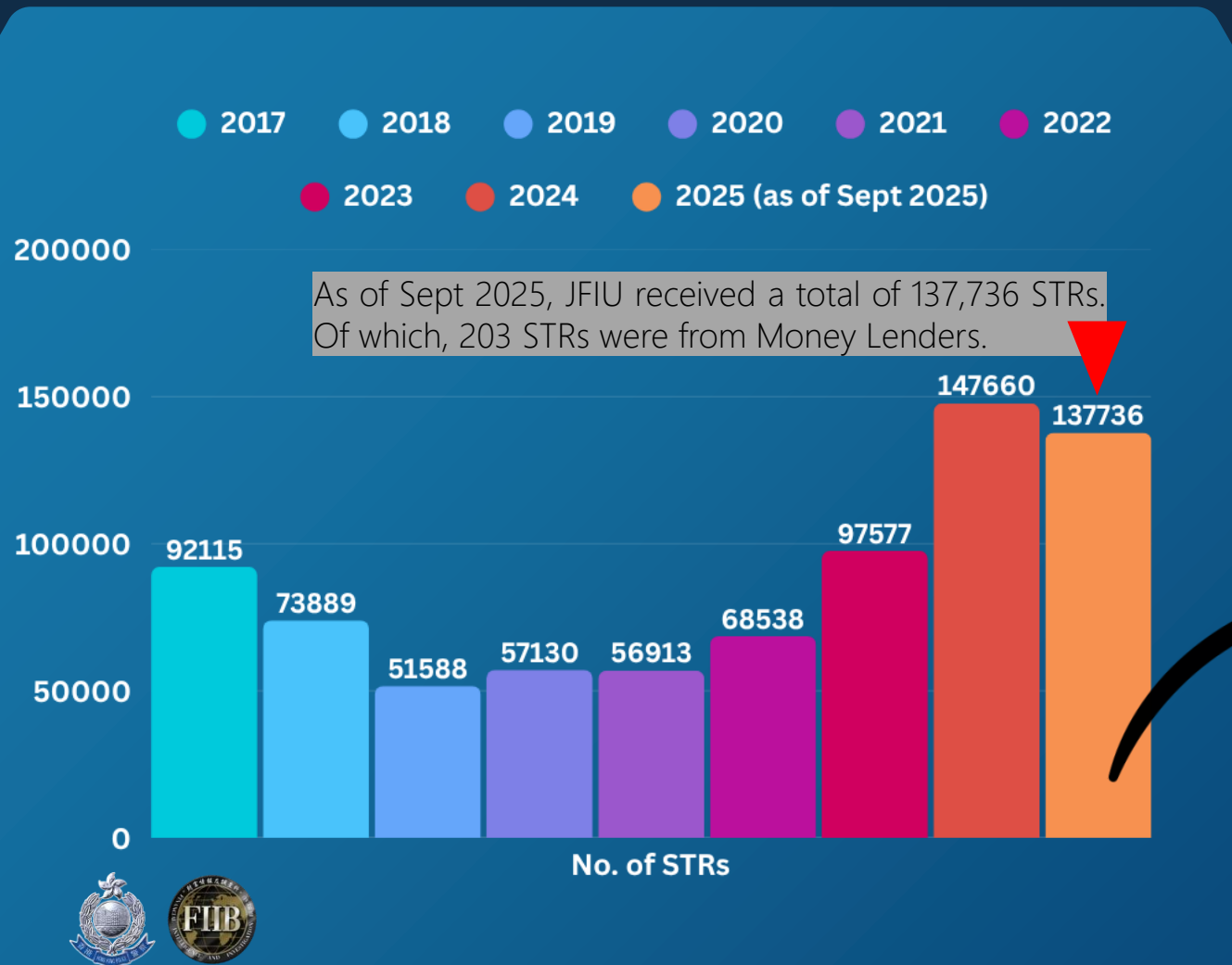
Reporting to the JFIU		
	7.19	If after completing the review of the internal report, an MLRO decides that there are grounds for knowledge or suspicion, he should disclose the information to the JFIU as soon as it is reasonable to do so after his evaluation is complete together with the information on which that knowledge or suspicion is based. Dependent on when knowledge or suspicion arises, an STR may be made either before a suspicious transaction or activity occurs (whether the intended transaction ultimately takes place or not), or after a transaction or activity has been completed.



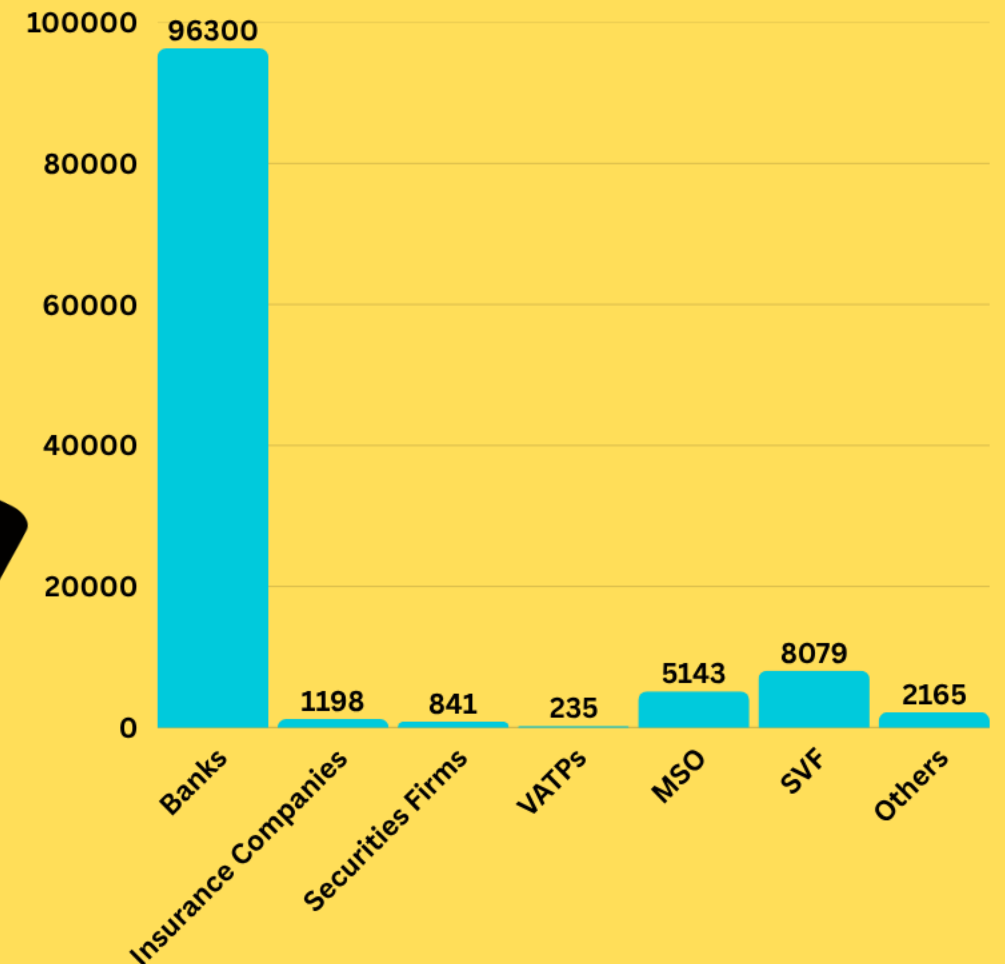


STR Statistics

- from 2017 to September 2025



Breakdown of STR filed by different sectors as of Sept 2025

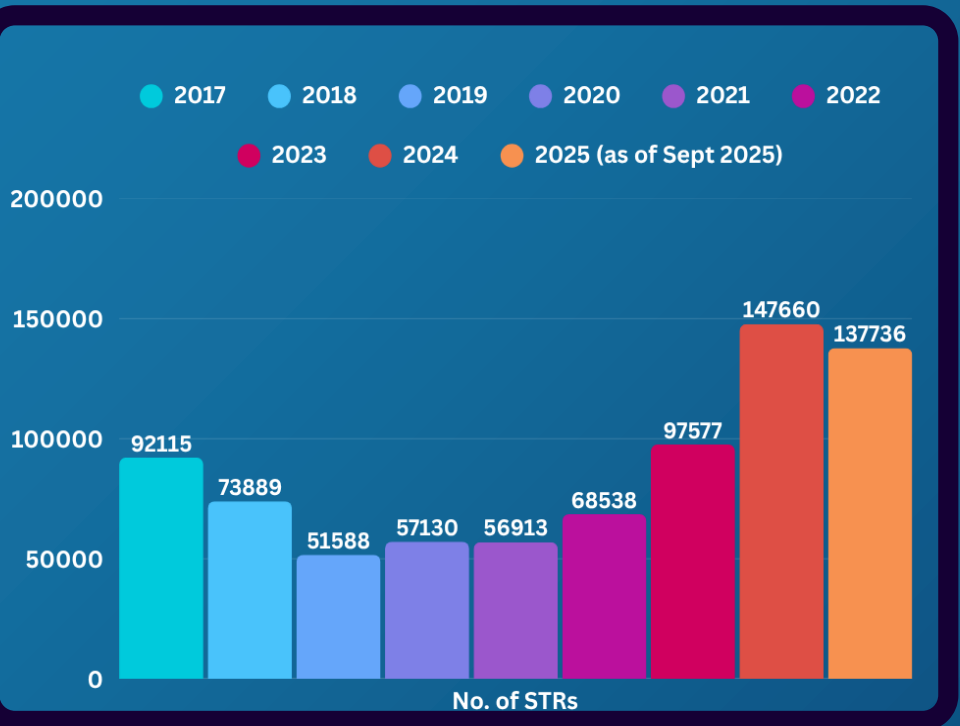




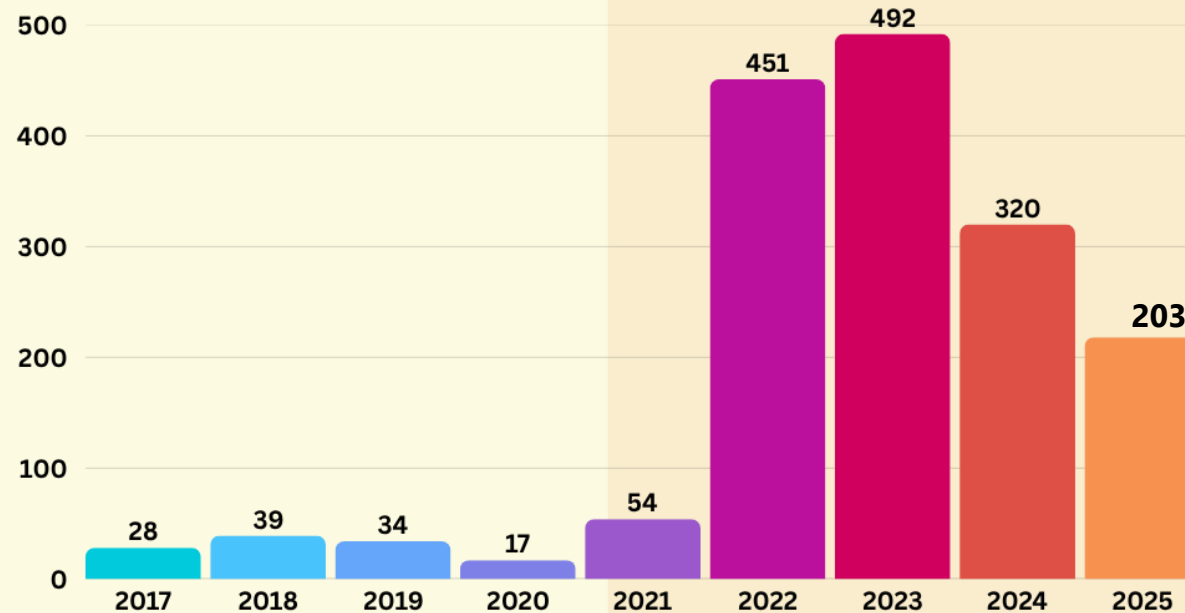
STR Statistics

- from 2017 to Sept 2025

STRs filed by money lenders had a significant increase since 2022 with an average number of 421 STRs (0.13%) per year.



STRs filed by money lenders between 2017 - Sept 2025



Current STR Reporting Methods

- by email and e-submission (STREAMS)

How to submit an STR?

Suspicious transaction reports can be made in one of the following ways:

- by e-reporting system, STREAMS
- by email to jfiu@police.gov.hk
- by fax to : (852) 2529 4013
- by mail, addressed to Joint Financial Intelligence Unit, GPO Box 6555 Hong Kong
- by telephone (852) 2866 3366 (for urgent reports during office hours)

If you want to file an STR via STREAMS to the JFIU either by fax (2529 4013) or by email, please feel free to contact the JFIU for more information.



Suspected Crimes Suspicious Indicators Open Source Info. Entity Lists Check Save Print

REPORT MADE UNDER SECTION 25A OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) ORDINANCE OR ORGANIZED AND SERIOUS CRIMES ORDINANCE/ SECTION 12 OF THE UNITED NATIONS (ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES) ORDINANCE TO THE JOINT FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT ("JFIU")

STR Summary

STR Number:	
Submission Number:	
Date of Submission:	
Acknowledgement Issue Date:	
Consent Letter Issue Date:	
Consent:	☒ None ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
Consent Remark:	

Special Cases with Time Critical Nature:

* Report Related to Existing Investigation: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Attachment:

+ Refresh

No.	File Name	File Size
		KB
Total		KB



04. INTRODUCTION OF **STREAMS 2**



Enhanced Data Collection in **STREAMS 2**



Comprehensive scope of information collected



Facilitate big data analytics to identify network / trends effectively



Social Media

Capture relevant social media identifiers and activity



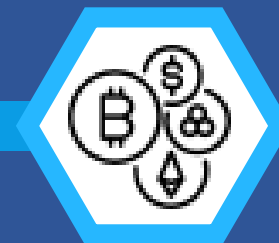
Digital Footprints

Collect IP, SSID, BSSID, Geohash Data, etc.



Address Format

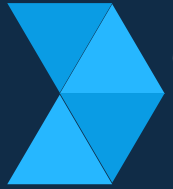
Standardised address input



Crypto-transactions

Dedicated fields for crypto-transactions





Benefits of E-submission

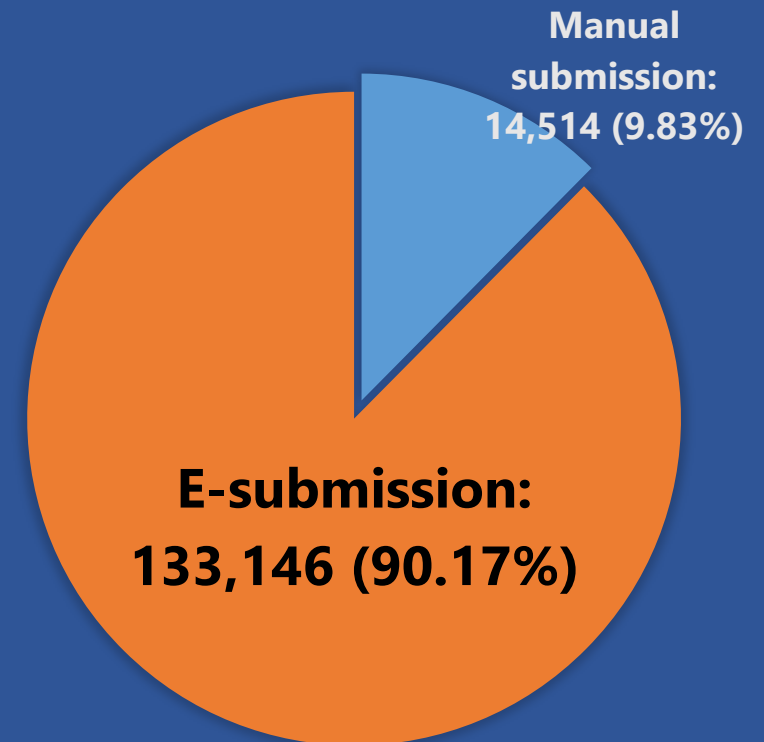
Free and secure system

Negate the need of paper-based reporting

Receive consent decision via STREAMS

Instant Acknowledgement

Total submission of STRs in 2024:
147,660



Mode of STR Submission in **STREAMS 2**



**All regulated entities
will be required to
submit STRs by
electronic means!**

**PDF
Form**

**Structured PDF for offline
completion and secure
upload**

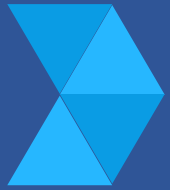
**Web
Form**

**User-friendly online
forms with built-in
validation**

XML

**Direct
system-to-system
reporting**





STR Form Enhancement in **STREAMS 2**

Comprehensive Data Fields

Mandatory Fields

- Core information required for all sector
- e.g. Phone number (8 digits for Hong Kong numbers) and BR / CR No. for organisation

Optional Fields (Sector Specific)

- Additional data points tailored to specific industry needs and transaction types





STR Form Enhancement in **STREAMS 2**

Comprehensive Data Fields

Example:

Account Create

Crypto-transaction-related
☐ Yes ☒ No

OTC-Related
☐ Yes ☒ No

Cancel

Name of Institution

If Others

Account No. (no bank code required) *

Type *
Loan Account

If Others

Customer ID

Opening Date
yyyy-mm-dd

Closing Date
yyyy-mm-dd

Optional Fields (Sector Specific)

- Additional data points tailored to specific industry needs and transaction types



05. STR Reporting In STREAMS 2



How to identify suspicion?

SAFE approach

SCREEN

- Screen the account for suspicious indicators
- Adverse news, sensitive connections, method of payment etc



ASK

- Check and enquiry
- Clarify any suspicion, such as financial background, source of fund, purpose of transactions etc



FIND

- Find and review clients' previous records
- Analysis on clients' backgrounds



EVALUATE

- Evaluate the available information to determine if the transaction is suspicious
- If affirmative, file STRs



05. STR Reporting In **STREAMS 2**

– Red Flag Indicators

Clients

- Politically Exposed Person (PEP)?
- Person / Corporate from high-risk country?
- No known nexus in HK?
- Suspected forged supporting document during applications?
- Virtual on-boarding

Transactions

- Payment from 3rd party / cash / cashier order?
- Transactions incommensurate with client's background?
- Repay the loan prematurely without reasonable explanation?
- Received LEA enquiries



05. STR Reporting In STREAMS 2

– Red Flag Indicators

Further Enquiry

- Background check / open source research unveil **adverse news** / records
- Unwilling to respond to questions or answers are not convincing
- Unwilling to provide supporting documents

Evaluation

- Information from client is incommensurate with the record in hand
- Information from client could not be verified





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

Reporting Party

Subject

Organisation

Account

Transaction

Suspected Crimes

Suspicious Indicator

Organisation Name
Org Name

Reporting Officer Name
Testing Company

Your Reference

Phone

Fax

Email *
test@gmail.com

Industry Category *
Financial - Licensed Money Lender

Disclosure-related Laws

☒ Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance [Cap.405]

☐ Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance [Cap.455]

☐ United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance [Cap.575]

☐ Hong Kong National Security Law

Other Information:

Report related to previous / other disclosure

☐ Yes

☒ No





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Other Information:

Report related to previous / other disclosure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Industry Category *

DNFBP - Accounting Firm

DNFBP - Casino

DNFBP - Dealer in Precious Metals / Stones

DNFBP - Lawyer

DNFBP - Real Estate Agent

DNFBP - Trust & Company Services Provider

Financial - Bank

Financial - Financial Company

Financial - Insurance Company

Financial - Investment Company

Financial - Licensed Money Lender

Financial - MSO / RAMC

Financial - Securities Company

Financial - Stored Value Facility Licensee

Financial - Virtual Asset Trading Platform

JFIU - e-STR Secure Area User

Email *

test@gmail.com



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- STR Filing Format

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Reporting Party

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Other Information:

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05. STR Reporting in STREAMS 2

- STR Filing Format

STR triggered by LEA enquiry / intelligence



STR triggered by internal monitoring system

Disclosure-related Laws

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- ☐ Hong Kong National Security Law

Other Information:

Report related to previous / other disclosure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Other Information:

Report related to previous / other disclosure ☒ Yes ☐ No

Your Previous Reference		+	-
Previous STR No.	[E.g. STR 20250001]	+	-
ADCC Ref. No.	[E.g. ESPS 24/2025]	+	-
Police Report No.	[E.g. MK RN 25000001]	+	-
Investigation Unit	[E.g. DIT 1 MKDIST]	+	-
Search Warrant (Writ No.)		+	-
FINEST ISR No.		+	-

Other LEA Reference No.		+	-
☐ C&ED			
☐ ImmD			
☐ Others			

IRD Reference No.		+	-
SFC Reference No.		+	-





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2**

- STR Filing Format

Person Create

Family Name * Given Name *

Chinese Name CCC

Gender * Occupation

☐ M ☐ F ☐ U

Role *

Nationality (Country / Region)

Identification Information [Add](#)

Other ID Type If Others Other

Phone [Add](#) [Link Existing Phone](#)

Country Code Area Code

Email [Add](#) [Link Existing Email](#)

Email

Address [Add](#) [Link Existing Address](#)

Address Preview

Social Media [Add](#) [Link Existing Social Media](#)

Platform	Account ID	Account Display Name	Group Name	Profile URL	Registered Social Media
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New Social Media Section!

< **Reporting Party** **Subject** Organisation Account Transaction Suspected Crimes Suspicious Indicator

- Identification no., age, nationality, residential address, occupation, reported salary, source of wealth, etc.
- **Specify the roles** of the reported entities (suspect, victim, transaction counterparty, etc.)

Role *

Associate

Participant

Suspect

Transaction Counterpart

Victim





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

Reporting Party Subject **Organisation** Account Transaction Suspected

Organisation Create

Organisation Name (English) * Organisation Name (Chinese) *

Role * Business Nature *

Registration:

☐ Local Company Registration No. _____

Local Company with Business Registration Certificate _____

Local Company with Certificate of Incorporation _____

Local Public Listed Company _____

☐ Mainland / Overseas Company

Registration Country / Region _____

Reference Information:

☐ Non-government Organisation

☐ Charitable Organisation

Phone Add Link Existing Phone

Country Code Area Code Phone Number

No Data

Email Add Link Existing Email

Email

Business Nature *

Accommodation and Food Service Activities

Administrative and Support Service Activities

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

Construction

DNFBP Activities - Accountancy

DNFBP Activities - Dealer in Precious Metals / Stones

DNFBP Activities - Estate Agency Firm

DNFBP Activities - Gaming

DNFBP Activities - Law Firm

DNFBP Activities - Trust & Company Services Provider

- unique identification no., place of incorporation, business nature
- details of connected parties (e.g. directors, shareholders and beneficial owners)



05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

Reporting Party Subject Organisation **Account** Transaction Suspected C

+ Add

Account Create

Crypto-transaction-related
☐ Yes ☒ No

OTC-Related
☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Institution

Type *
Policy Account

Opening Date
yyyy-mm-dd

Closing Date
yyyy-mm-dd

List of Product

Effective on / Date of Issue
yyyy-mm-dd

Life Insured / Insured

Role

Total Premium Contributed

If Others

If Others

Cancel

✓

- All-in-One Account - Savings
- All-in-One Account - Current
- All-in-One Account - Fixed Deposit
- Betting Account
- Credit Card Account
- Currency Account
- Currency Options Account
- Current Account
- Fixed Deposit Account
- FX Short Selling Account
- Investment Fund Account
- Loan Account**
- Margin Account
- Mortgage Account
- Multi-Currency Savings Account
- Policy Account



05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

Reporting Party Subject Organisation **Account** Transaction Suspected Crimes Suspicious Indicator

+ Add

Account Create

Crypto-Insured
☐ Yes

Name of Institution

Type *

Opening Date
yyyy-mm-dd

Account Balance Add

Currency

Account Balance Create

Currency *

Balance *
+ / -

Date of The Account Balance
yyyy-mm-dd

Equivalent Value in HKD *
+ / - \$

Surrender Value (in HKD)
\$

Date of Surrender Value
yyyy-mm-dd

Mandatory Fields

Balance can be negative by clicking "-"

Cancel Confirm



05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

Reporting Party Subject Organisation **Account** Transaction Suspected Crimes Suspicious Indicator

+ Add

Digital Footprint **New** Link Existing Digital Footprint

Event Type Device Name Device Model

Digital Footprint

Digital Footprint Create

Event Type	Device Name	Device Model	Device OS
Device ID	IP Address	Period From yyyy-mm-dd	Period To yyyy-mm-dd
SSID	BSSID	Geohash	Latitude
Longitude			



05. STR Reporting in STREAMS 2

- STR Filing Format

Reporting Party Subject Organisation Account **Transaction** Suspected Crimes

☐ The transaction is related to Virtual Assets

Transaction Information **Add**

No.	Start Date	Start Time

Transaction Information Create

Start Date * yyyy-mm-dd Start Time hh:mm:ss End Date yyyy-mm-dd

End Time hh:mm:ss Account *

Currency * Amount * + / - Equivalent Value in HKD * + / - \$

Name of Counterpart Bank Counterpart A/C No. (no bank code required) Name of Counterpart

Remarks (if any)

Any transaction made by third parties?

Cancel Confirm

Type *

- ATM Cash Deposit
- ATM Cash Withdrawal
- ATM Cheque Deposit
- ATM Transfer Deposit
- ATM Transfer Withdrawal
- Autopay
- Bank Charge
- Bank Draft Deposit
- Cash Deposit
- Cash Withdrawal
- Cashier Order Deposit

Any suspicious transactions?



05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - STR Filing Format

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Reporting Party

Subject

Organisation

Account

Transaction

Suspected Crimes

Suspicious Indicator

Suspected Crimes Please put a "✓" in the appropriate box(es)

National Security

☐ Offence(s) Endangering National Security

Fraud

☐ Email Scam

☐ Investment Scam

☐ Romance Scam

☐ Telephone Deception

☐ Others (Please Specify) _____

Other Crimes

☐ Bookmaking

☐ Crime under Gambling Ordinance

☐ Corruption and Bribery

☐ Counterfeiting Currency

Illicit Trade Activities

☐ Counterfeiting and Piracy of Products

☐ Dealing in Precious Metals and Stones without a license

☐ Endangered Species Smuggling

☐ Illicit Cigarettes

☐ Smuggling (including those related to customs and excise duties and taxes)

☐ Trade Based Money Laundering

☐ Unlicensed Money Service Operator (UMSO)

☐ Kidnapping, Illegal Restraint and Hostage-Taking

☐ Money Laundering

☐ Murder, Grievous Bodily Injury

☐ Participation in an Organized Criminal Group and Racketeering





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05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2**

- STR Filing Format

Narrative Comment about the Suspicious Transactions

1. Triggering Factors

- ☐ Commission / Types / Association of Offence
- ☐ Evidence of Suspicious Transaction Patterns
- ☐ Intelligence Received from LEAs
- ☐ Material from Publicly Available Information (e.g. adverse news, SFC alerts)
- ☐ Receipt of Search Warrant / Court Order
- ☐ Upstream Scam Intervention

2. Background of Person / Organisation

3. Details of Investigation / Transaction Analysis

4. Conclusions / Action Taken / Way Forward

< Reporting Party Subject Organisation Account Transaction Suspected Crimes **Suspicious Indicator**

- **Offence** (Fraud, Corruption, Sanction, Terrorist Financing, National Security, etc.)
- **Suspicious Transaction Patterns** (Substantial Cash Deposits, Temporary Repository of Funds, etc.)
- **Intelligence / Enquiry from LEAs** (e.g. JFIU, CSTCB, ADCC)
- **Publicly available information** (Adverse News, LEA Press Release, Sanction, etc.)
- **Receipt of Search Warrant / Court Order**
- **Upstream Scam Intervention** (Client is a victim)





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2**

- STR Filing Format

Narrative Comment about the Suspicious Transactions

1. Triggering Factors

- ☐ Commission / Types / Association of Offence
- ☐ Evidence of Suspicious Transaction Patterns
- ☐ Intelligence Received from LEAs
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< Reporting Party Subject Organisation Account Transaction Suspected Crimes **Suspicious Indicator**

- Nationality
- Type of ID document - HKID Holder, China Passport Holder, etc.
- Occupation / business nature, source of wealth, source of income
- Family / business background, if known - *e.g. co-borrower (Ms. CHAN Xxx, HKID No.) or related entity also maintained business relationship with the money lender and displayed similar suspicion*
- Date of commencing business relationship with the borrower





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2**

- STR Filing Format

Narrative Comment about the Suspicious Transactions

1. Triggering Factors

- ☐ Commission / Types / Association of Offence
- ☐ Evidence of Suspicious Transaction Patterns
- ☐ Intelligence Received from LEAs
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< Reporting Party Subject Organisation Account Transaction Suspected Crimes **Suspicious Indicator**

- Review Period
- Transactions and linkage with suspicious counterparts / third party, if any
- KYC / RFI result
- Open source information / details of the adverse news / sanction list with website links
- Findings on the digital footprints, if any
- Further review
- Exit relationship





05. STR Reporting in **STREAMS 2** - Appropriate File Attachments



Transaction Records
in Excel Format



Loan Application
Forms



Relevant
Documents
obtained during
CDD Process



Records of Digital
Footprints, if any

Reporting Party Subject Organisation Account Transaction Suspected Crimes **Suspicious Indicator**

Attachment

Account Opening Mandate / Document(s)

No.	Person / Account Holder *

Detailed Transaction Record(s)

No.	Person / Account Holder *

Other Bank / Institution Document(s)

No.	Person / Account Holder *

Other Document(s)

No.	



Our Observations

On STRs received from reporting entities

Common pitfalls

STR contains a group of **unrelated** subjects / did not specify their commonality in the narrative part

Only mention “**refer to Attachment**” in the narrative part of the STR

Report STR **solely** because other companies of the same group report STRs of the subject

Suggestions

- If there is no correlation among the subjects, report STR separately for each subject;
- If syndication is observed, specify the commonality in the narrative part
- Narrative comment should be included in STR Form.
- Only transactions or supporting documents be provided in form of attachment
- Compliance officers should critically review if the accounts of the same subject were used to channel illicit funds / related to terrorist financing



Feedback from JFIU

Acknowledgement
of Receipt

Consent /
No Consent /
Not Applicable

Quarterly STR
Analysis published
by JFIU

Meetings with
stakeholders



Upcoming Arrangement for **STREAMS 2**

Final UAT

- STR Submission
- Check STR status including consent decision
- Receive LNC and Notification Letters from Police



Seminar to different sectors

- Starting from October / November 2025



Enquiry Hotline (General)

- Senior Inspector Owen TSE
- Tel: 3660 0533 / Email: owencytse@police.gov.hk



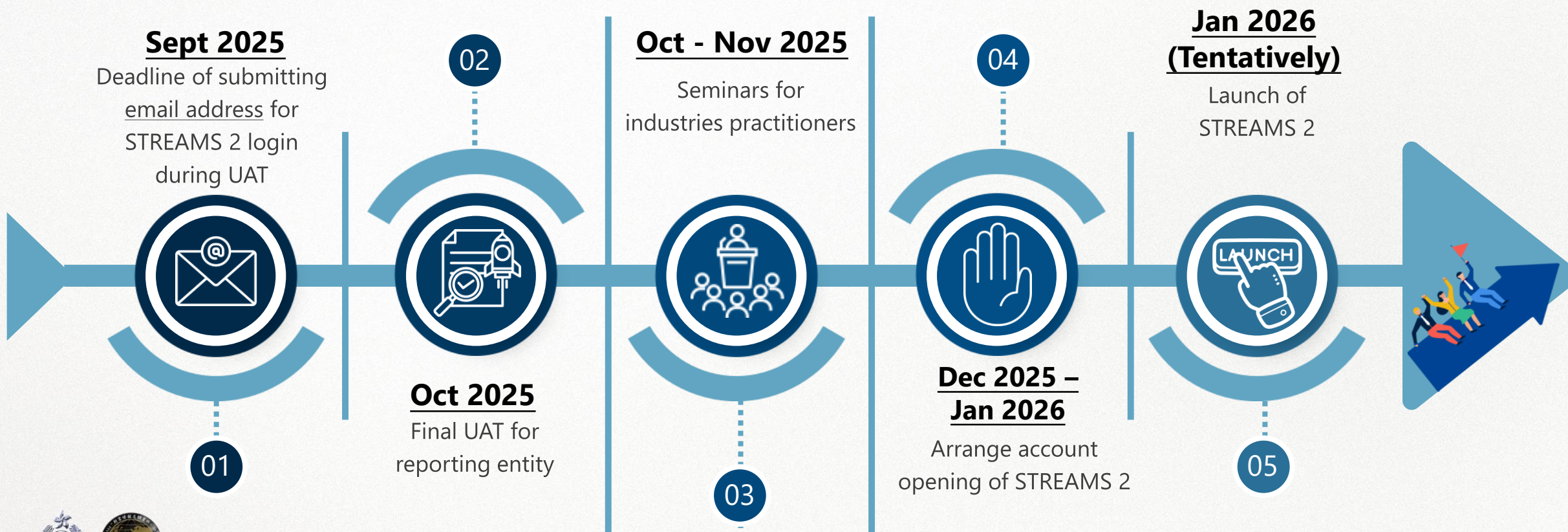
Enquiry Hotline (Technical)

- System Analyst Mr. Christopher CHAN
- Tel: 3660 9682 / Email: christopherchan@police.gov.hk





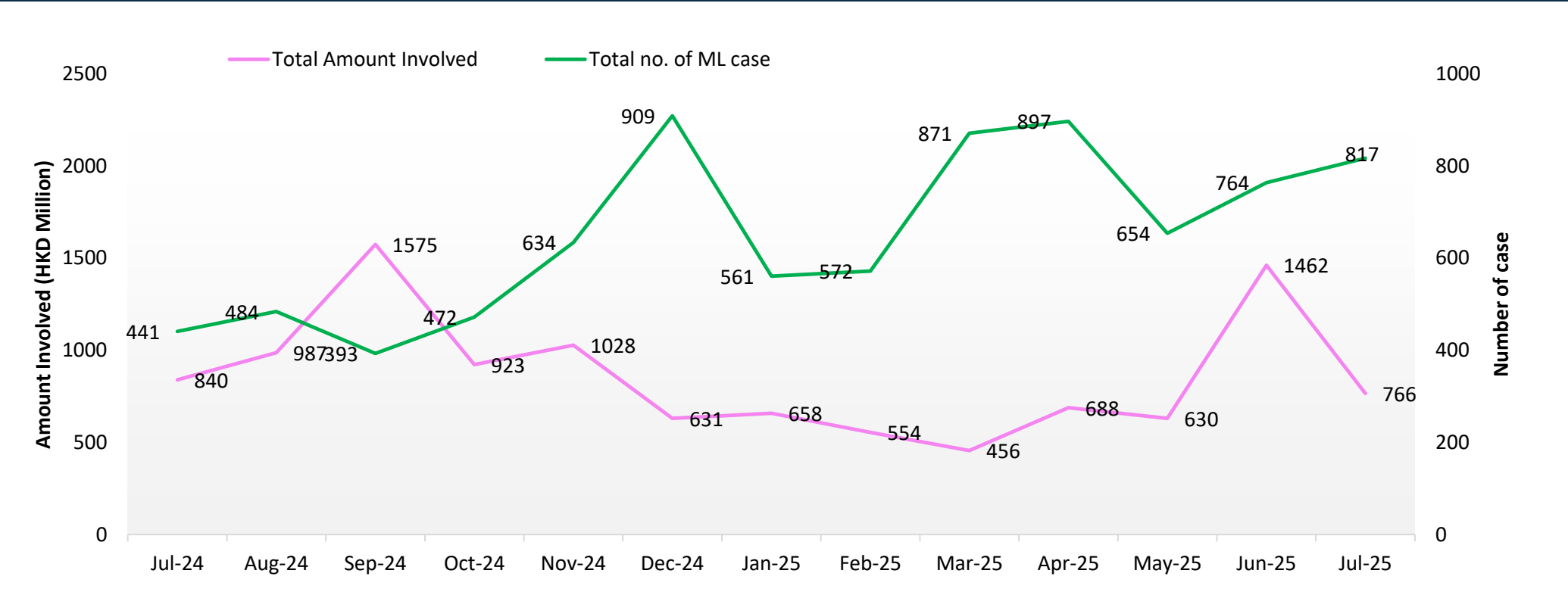
TIMELINE OF LAUNCHING STREAMS 2



06. ML Landscape



Hong Kong ML Landscape

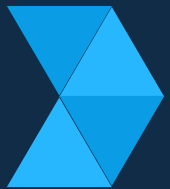


	Jan-Jul 2024	Jan-Jul 2025	Change
Total no. of ML case	3,808	5,136	↑ 1,328 or 34.9%
Total Amount Involved (HKD)	8,651.4M	5,214.8M	↓ 3,436.6 or 39.7%

Fraud/Deception remains at top threat

Domestic vs Other Jurisdictions





Hong Kong ML Landscape

Predicate Offence

- Fraud/Deception Related
- Standalone ML
- Theft/Robbery/Burglary/Blackmail
- Organised Crime
- Gambling
- Loansharking
- Drug Related
- Vice
- Tax Related
- Corruption

Sector

Financial Institutions:

- Banking
- SVF
- Virtual Asset Service Provider
- **Money Lenders**
- Insurance
- Securities
- Money Service Operators

DNFBP:

- Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones
- Estate Agents
- Trust and Company Service Providers
- Lawyers
- Accountants



07. Common Typologies & Case Sharing



Common Typologies & Case Sharing

#1 Multiple suspicious applications were handled by the same agent



Agent assists in loan application



Use of forged documents

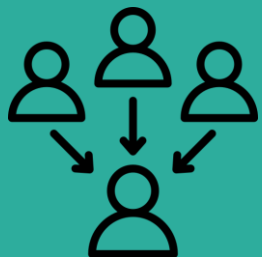


Bypass the
CDD/KYC
system



Common Typologies & Case Sharing

#2 Third Party Payment / Unknown Source of Fund



Paid by unrelated
third party



Paid by cashier
order / cash



Obscuring the true
source of funds
and
Placing “dirty money”
into financial system



Common Typologies & Case Sharing

#3 Early one-off repayment



Applied loans from various lenders



Paying off a debt faster than income would support



Used in the layering and the integration stage of the ML process





投票箱
Ballot Box



Financial Intelligence and Investigation Bureau
Hong Kong Police Force

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