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### Data Privacy and Governance of MPF Trustees

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Hong Kong's Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance		Biometric Identification and Data Protection		Privacy Management Programme	
	FinTech, RegTech and Privacy Implications		Centralised Database and Privacy Risks		
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### An Overview of The Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance







- Business Perspective To facilitate business environment, maintain Hong Kong as a financial and trading hub
- Human Rights Perspective Protect individuals' personal data privacy



### **Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance**

- enacted in 1995
- 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive data protection law in Asia
- covers the public (government) and private sectors
- referenced to 1980 OECD Privacy Guidelines and 1995
   EC Data Protection Directive



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### What is "Personal Data"?



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"Personal data" (個人資料) means any data -

- (a) <u>relating</u> directly or indirectly to a living individual;
- (b) from which it is practicable for the <u>identity</u> of the individual to be directly or indirectly ascertained; and
- (c) in a <u>form</u> in which access to or processing of the data is practicable.

**"Data"** (資料) means any representation of information (including an expression of opinion) in any document.



### **Examples of Personal Data in Everyday Life**

 a person's name, telephone number, address, sex, age, occupation, salary, nationality, photo, identity card number, medical records, etc.



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- Core spirits of the Ordinance
- Cover the whole data lifecycle from collection, retention, use, security to destruction



# Six Data Protection Principles (DPPs)

DPP1 – Collection ✓ Not excessive ✓ Lawful and fair ✓ Sufficient notice

DPP2 – Accuracy & Retention Ensure accuracy before use Destroy when purpose

of collection is accomplished

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Use Do not use data for new purposes without data subjects' consent

DPP3



# Six Data Protection Principles (DPPs)

DPP4 – Security ✓ All practicable steps shall be taken to prevent data breach

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DPP5 – Openness & Transparency Policy and practice should be made readily available to data subjects DPP6 – Data Access & Correction ✓ Allow data subjects to access and correct their personal data

#### FinTech, RegTech and Privacy Implications





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• Application of technology in financial services:









• Application of technology for regulatory and compliance purposes:

By Regulators: Use of Big Data analytics and machine learning to track down irregular stock transactions



By Market Practitioners: Use of Big Data analytics and machine learning to identify money laundering activities





### **FinTech and RegTech**



• Collection of Big Data, e.g. E-wallet Use of Big Data Analytics, e.g. Credit scoring



Use of Online Platform (e.g. Cloud) to store, process and transmit data





#### **Examples of RegTech for Compliance**

**Regulatory reporting** Regulatory reporting through Big Data analytics, real time reporting and cloud

*Risk Management* Detect compliance and regulatory risks, assess risk exposure and anticipate future threats

#### Identity Management & Control

Facilitate counterparty due diligence and Know Your Customer procedures. Manage consent for use of personal data

#### Compliance

Real time monitoring and tracking of current state of compliance and upcoming regulations



Source: Deloitte



### FinTech and RegTech – Privacy Implications





#### Biometric Identification and Data Protection













Physiological data born with an individual

 DNA, fingerprint, palm veins, iris, retina, facial images and hand geometries Behavioural data developed by an individual

 hand writing pattern, typing rhythm, gait, voice







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#### Is Biometric Data Personal Data?

or



- does it belong to an individual?
- does it identify an individual?
- if <u>both</u> are 'Yes', then biometric data is personal data

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 biometric data alone (e.g. fingerprint) may not reveal identities

 biometric data in a database that links customers/staff members is personal data



#### **Biometric Identification**



#### **Why Protect Biometric Data?**

Uniqueness – The more unique, the more certain of the identity

- DNA
- Fingerprint
- Hand geometry
- face
- hand writing
- gait



Permanence

- once leaked, forever leaked unlike passwords one cannot change his fingerprints or DNA after leakage
- consequences lead to identification, impersonation, identity theft, misuse...



### **Why Protect Biometric Data?**

Inference

- DNA, retina, vein pattern may reveal the ethnic, health and mental conditions of individuals
- implication discrimination in selection process such as employment, offering of insurance, etc.

Multipurpose: If biometric data can be used for more than just identification

- face (race)
- fingerprint (criminal record)
- palm vein (physical health conditions)
- retina (physical health conditions)
- DNA (physical and mental health conditions, probability of diseases)







### **Impact on Individuals**

<b>Risk Factors</b>	DNA	Fingerprint	Facial images	Handwriting pattern	Hand geometry
1. Uniqueness	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
2. Any likely changes with time	Νο	Νο	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Multiple purposes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Νο	No
4. Covert collection	Yes	Depends	Yes	Unlikely	Νο
5. Impact on individuals	Grave	High	Some	Some	Small



### **Biometric Data – Case Sharing (1)**

- A fashion trading company collected employees' fingerprint data for (i) monitoring staff attendance and (ii) office security
- Commissioner's Findings Excessive and Unfair collection:
  - Excessive:
    - Company already had sufficient security measures in place, e.g.
       CCTV cameras, digital locks, chain locks
    - Company only had 20 employees, staff attendance could be effectively monitored by less privacy intrusive means
  - Unfair:
    - Employees were not given any choices at all







### **Biometric Data – Case Sharing (2)**

- A school collected fingerprints of its staff and pupils for (i) recording attendance and (ii) provision of lunch and library services
- Commissioner's Findings Excessive collection:
  - Children of school age or individuals incapable of managing their own affairs are vulnerable, warranting greater protection of their privacy
  - Consent not free from undue influence, given the special relationship between the school and its pupils and between the school and its staff
  - The purposes of recording attendance and provision of lunch and library services could be achieved by other less privacy intrusive alternatives







### **Biometric Data – Case Sharing (3)**

- An amusement park collected visitors' fingerprint for multiple-entry tickets
- Commissioner's Findings No Contravention:
  - Purpose of collection: verify the identity of a ticket holder (i.e. visitor) without having to inspect his identification document
  - Only a code generated from the visitor's fingerprint was stored in the theme park's system.
    - No image of fingerprint was retained
    - The code was stored in encrypted form
    - Not practicable for the park to link up the code with that particular visitor
    - The code would be deleted once the ticket expired
  - The visitor could freely opt for other means of verification, like registering his/her name on the ticket, and such option was informed to the visitor







#### **Protection of Biometric Data**

#### **1. Need for a Privacy Impact** Assessment

- The need for collecting biometric data
- Whose biometric data should and could be collected
- The extent of the data to be collected



### **2. Justifications for Collecting** and Using Biometric Data

- What is the purpose of collection and how is data collected?
- Is collection for a lawful purpose directly related to the organisation's function and activity? Necessary and not excessive?
- Identification vs. Verification

#### **Protection of Biometric Data**

- 3. Risk Minimisation Techniques in biometric data collection
- Keep the templates of the biometric data, rather than the original samples

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4. Free and informed choice to allow collection of biometric data

- Provide less privacy intrusive alternative if possible
- Full explanation of privacy impact of collection
- Fair collection

5. Need for Caution in handling biometric data

- Establish strong controls
- Data retention
- Data accuracy
- Secondary use
- Data security
- Make privacy policy available
- Staff trainings



#### PCPD's Publications

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#### Guidance Note

### Guidance on Collection and Use of Biometric Data

This guidance note addresses the following

#### INTRODUCTION

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This guidance note is intended to assist data users1, who wish to collect biometric data, to comply with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). This should be read BEFORE data users decide on whether or not biometric data is to be collected, and if collected, be regularly referred to.

Biometric data includes the physiological data2 with which individuals are born with

and behavioural data3 which is characteristics developed by an individual after birth. Biometric data is therefore data directly related to an individual. While it may not be reasonably practicable for a lay person to ascertain the identity of an individual by merely looking at the individual's fingerprint images or their numeric representations4, when the biometric data is linked with personal data in another database, a particular individual (also

topics: Need for caution to handle sensitive

- Justifications for collecting and using 2.
  - Risk minimisation techniques in biometric
- The need for a privacy impact assessment 3. Free and informed choice to allow
- collection of one's biometric data Privacy requirements for dealing with the 5.
- biometric data collected 6.



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#### Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA)

A PIA is generally regarded as a systematic risk assessment tool that can be usefully integrated into a decision-making process. It is a systematic process that evaluates a proposal in term of its impact upon personal data privacy with the objective of avoiding or minimising adverse impacts. Although PIA is not expressly provided for under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance ("the Ordinance"), it has become a widely accepted privacy compliance tool and data users are advised to adopt it before the launch of any new business initiative or project that might have significant impact on personal data privacy.

This information leaflet provides information on the PIA process and its general

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#### **Centralised Database**





#### **Centralised Database Proposals – Hong Kong**

Hong Kong Association of Banks: Centralised Know Your Client (KYC) Database

- Enhance KYC process between multi-stakeholders for various purposes
- Reduce duplication and increase efficiency
- Enhance financial services by innovation via FinTech and Big Data
- Enhance data portability between banks



Hong Kong Federation of Insurers: Centralised Insurance Claims Database

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- Help insurance companies detect fraudulent insurance claims and take early preventive measures
- Protect interests of policy holders

#### **Centralised Database – Overseas Experiences**

#### Sweden

 In 2003, 6 major Swedish banks developed BankID as an electronic identification used to access public and private services.

#### Singapore

- In 2016, Singapore government launched MyInfo, a centralised database of citizens, permanent residents and foreigners.
- In April 2017, 4 banks accept bank account opening applications via MyInfo without additional documents.



#### **United Kingdom**

- UK Government collaborated with the banking sector to establish KYC database.
- "GOV.UK Verify" provides electronic identification and trusted login for all UK government digital services.

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#### **Philippines**

- A bill for Philippines national ID system, Filipino Identification System or FilSys has just been approved by the House Committee on Population.
- Proof of identification for both public and private sectors.

#### **Centralised Database – Privacy Risks**



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#### Centralised Database – Governance and Regulation

Who is the data user in control of the database?



#### What is the appropriate regulatory approach?





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- embrace personal data privacy protection as part of the corporate governance responsibilities; and
- apply it as a top-down business imperative throughout the organisation

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From Compliance to Accountability

### **Paradigm Shift**

#### **Compliance approach**

#### **Accountability Approach**

- passive
- reactive
- remedial
- problem-based
- handled by compliance team
- minimum legal requirement
- bottom-up

- Active
- Proactive
- Preventative
- Based on customer expectation
- Directed by top management
- Reputation building
- Top-down



### **PMP Best Practice Guide - Fundamental Principles**

#### **3 Top-down Management Commitments**

**Top-management commitment and buy-in** 



### Setting up of a dedicated data protection office or officer



#### **PMP Best Practice Guide - Fundamental Principles**



#### **7 Practical Programme Controls**

- 1. Record and maintain personal data inventory
- 2. Establish and maintain data protection and privacy policies
- 3. Develop risk assessment tools (e.g. privacy impact assessment)
- 4. Develop and maintain training plan for all relevant staff
- 5. Establish workable breach handling and notification procedures
- 6. Establish and monitor data processor engagement mechanism
- 7. Establish communication so that policies and practice are made known to all stakeholders



#### **PMP Best Practice Guide - Fundamental Principles**

#### **2 Review Processes**

L Develop an oversight review plan to check for compliance and effectiveness of the privacy management programme

Execute the oversight review plan making sure that any recommendations are followed through



#### **Privacy by Design and by Default**



Build in privacy considerations in processes of developing products and services

Earn trust and build up business reputation







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