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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : USER END-POINT SECURITY MEASURES
DATE : 27 April 2024

The University, through the Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT), implements the basic USER END-POINT SECURITY MEASURES in the use of various technologies and applications, ensuring a secure and safe environment for onsite or online teaching, learning, research, and work, as follows:

- 1. Ensure that the operating system and all installed software are updated with the latest security patches and updates;
2. Regularly update the antivirus software and periodically scan the device/s to detect and mitigate malware and avoid spreading it in any LAB or WIFI network;
3. Regularly backup important files and data on a clean external drive or cloud storage service;
4. Enable Multi-Factor or Two-factor authentication on your Google Workspace account;
5. Use a strong password (i.e., secure password should have a minimum of 12 characters, alphanumeric, a mixture of uppercase and lowercase letters, and includes special characters);
6. Users should monitor their accounts for suspicious activity; and
7. Should there be any suspicious activity on the account, report it promptly and immediately change the password, including any online accounts with the same password, as this might lead to data leaks.

Everyone is urged to be vigilant and be aware of the following malware that might compromise the efficiency of online engagement:

Table with 2 columns: Malware Name, Description. Rows include Avalanche-Andromeda and Adload.





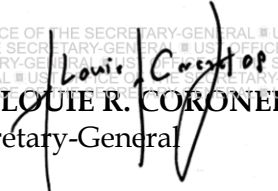
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Socks5Systemz	This malware installs a proxy bot on infected systems, turning them into proxies capable of forwarding traffic to someone else. These can be distributed via phishing, exploit kits, malvertising, and trojanized executables.
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For more information, refer to the OICT Memo [UST:S057-00-ME16](#), dated 15 April 2023.

Your utmost cooperation and appropriate action are highly expected.

Thank you.


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Secretary-General

