Directive on Information Technology Security for Bank Personnel

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1. Overriding Objective

1.1 This Directive establishes the rules and instructions for Bank Personnel with respect to Information Technology (IT) security of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or Bank) to protect AIIB against IT security threats, including the risk of espionage, reduce the risks associated with such threats, and ensure the availability of effective and uncompromised IT Facilities across the Bank’s administrative and operational functions.

1.2 The exercise and interpretation of this Directive shall seek to give effect to this overriding objective.

2. Related Provisions

2.1 This Directive relates to provisions of the Code of Conduct for Bank Personnel regarding IT security, namely:

“15. Use of Bank Property, Services and Facilities. Bank Personnel shall protect and preserve Bank property and assets and use such resources as efficiently as possible, guarding against waste and abuse, and protecting workplace health and safety. Bank Personnel may not use Bank services, supplies and facilities, except as permitted under the relevant Bank policy, and may not request other Bank Personnel members to carry out private tasks for themselves or their family.”

“16. Use of Bank Computer Systems, Devices and Internet Access. Bank Personnel may use the Bank’s computer systems, electronic devices and Internet access for personal use only if such use:
  • Does not interfere or conflict with the duties of Bank Personnel;
  • Is consistent with respect for laws under paragraph 18 below; and
  • Does not adversely reflect upon the integrity, public image or interests of the Bank.”

2.2 This Directive relates to the provision of the Policy on Personal Data Privacy regarding data security, namely:

“3.5. Principle 5: Data Security. AIIB shall adopt security capabilities that match potential security risks to Personal Data. It shall adopt appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect Personal Data against accidental loss or modification, destruction or damage, and prevent unauthorized or unlawful Processing.”

3. General Principles

3.1 While protecting IT security, AIIB is committed to encouraging and maintaining an open and collaborative IT environment in which Bank Personnel can work efficiently and communicate freely.

3.2 Necessary IT security technical controls will be implemented to facilitate the efficient and appropriate implementation of this Directive.

3.3 The Bank shall have the sole right to determine the treatment of all AIIB’s information that is stored on IT Facilities, including but not limited to the right to define the classification
of such information, to decrypt, use and disclose such information during IT and cyber security monitoring, incident investigation and digital forensics, to back up such information against accidental loss or modification, destruction, or damage, or to follow any other procedure as the Bank may deem appropriate.

3.4 Bank Personnel shall ensure that all Bank files, documents and IT Facilities with Restricted Data are kept in a secure location.

4. Definitions

4.1 **Authentication Information**: Credentials used to prove an External Party or Bank Personnel are who they claim to be before accessing any IT Facilities, including via use of a password, passcode, digital certification, fingerprint, or similar proof of identity.

4.2 **Bank Personnel**: As defined in the Code of Conduct for Bank Personnel.

4.3 **Business Unit**: As defined in the Directive on Business Continuity.

4.4 **BYOD**: Bring Your Own Device, a term that describes situations where Bank Personnel use their personally owned device such as phones, tablets, or laptops to access AIIB’s information and applications.

4.5 **External Party**: Any entity, including any individual that may be working for an entity, that is not Bank Personnel.

4.6 **IT Facilities**: All hardware and software, including but not limited to networks, servers, applications, switches, cabling, computers, smartphones, tablets, cloud computing facilities, licenses, storage media and devices (fixed, portable or removable) owned, leased, hired, subscribed or licensed by or to AIIB.

4.7 **Malware**: A computer program that is maliciously placed onto a computer with the intent of compromising the privacy, accuracy, or reliability of the computer’s data, applications, or operating system, such as a virus, worm, Trojan horse, rootkits, backdoors, ransomware, grayware, or other code-based malicious entity.

4.8 **Remote Access**: The capability that allows a user to access AIIB’s resources without being physically present on AIIB’s premises.

4.9 **Restricted Data**: Data that contains information which is defined as Restricted Information or Strictly Confidential Information according to the AIIB Directive on the Information Classification System.

4.10 **Shared ID**: A user identity used by more than one individual.

5. Computing and Storage Devices Use

5.1 Computing and storage devices include but are not limited to desktop computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets, virtual reality devices, telephones, digital voice recorders, printers, copy machines, magnetic and optical media, and removable storage devices.

5.2 When available, Bank Personnel shall only use AIIB-issued devices to conduct AIIB’s functions. If a BYOD device needs to be used, Bank Personnel shall use the BYOD solution provided by AIIB to protect AIIB’s information stored in the device. Whilst BYOD devices may belong to Bank Personnel, AIIB shall own all of AIIB’s information and AIIB’s applications residing in these devices.

5.3 Upon termination of employment with AIIB or when otherwise requested to do so, Bank
Personnel shall return to the IT Department AIIB-issued devices. Whenever a device is no longer needed, Bank Personnel shall return it to the IT Department.

5.4 Bank Personnel shall secure all AIIB-issued and BYOD devices by using the standard screen lock function on these whenever they leave the device unattended.

5.5 When using removable storage media, including optical media and USB flash drives, Bank Personnel shall use encryption for files that contain Restricted Data.

5.6 Bank Personnel shall delete Restricted Data from their devices when no longer required by them for official Bank purposes.

5.7 Bank Personnel shall not attempt to disassemble or modify the hardware of any IT Facilities. Bank Personnel shall not attempt to bypass, disable or diminish the effectiveness of the system or software of any IT Facilities.

5.8 Outside of AIIB Headquarters, Bank Personnel shall not leave any IT Facilities unattended without physical anti-theft measures, including using a laptop security cable, placing them in a locked desk drawer, filing cabinet, safe or locked room.

6. **Software Use and Malware Defense**

6.1 When downloading software or any app onto AIIB’s IT Facilities, Bank Personnel shall not knowingly download any pirated, corrupted or malicious software or app.

6.2 Bank Personnel shall comply with all applicable software licensing agreements and copyright restrictions.

6.3 Malware defense software, security monitoring software, data leakage prevention, data backup and encryption software installed by AIIB on computers and smartphones shall be activated at all times and shall not be tampered with, removed, suspended, disabled or functionally minimized by Bank Personnel.

6.4 Bank Personnel shall not attempt to change the security configuration of any IT Facilities. Bank Personnel shall enable security patches to update on a frequent basis.

6.5 Bank Personnel shall not use any removable storage device, including USB flash drives, on AIIB IT Facilities if that device has previously been used on any other facility, including any BYOD device.

7. **Network Use and Email Use**

7.1 Only Bank Personnel authorized by the Director General, IT Department may monitor or test AIIB’s network and systems. Bank Personnel who are not so authorized shall not try to attack, bypass or undermine AIIB’s network and systems.

7.2 Bank Personnel shall not knowingly use AIIB’s IT Facilities to visit any websites that would reflect adversely upon the integrity, public image or interests of AIIB, including websites involving pornography, gambling, hacking, terrorism, financial fraud, drug abuse and trafficking, dark web and darknets.

7.3 Bank Personnel shall not create any wireless network that connects to AIIB’s network, and shall not modify wireless devices on AIIB’s infrastructure, either technically or physically.

7.4 Bank Personnel shall choose the specified network category when connecting to AIIB’s network, and shall not connect any unauthorized devices to AIIB’s network.
7.5 When communicating or sharing Restricted Data over any internal or external network, Bank Personnel shall only use systems and tools that have been approved by the IT Department, and shall use encryption to protect the security of such data.

7.6 When accessing critical information or applications of AIIB from an external network, Bank Personnel shall use the Remote Access solution provided by AIIB.

7.7 Bank Personnel shall not create or provide any services over the internet within AIIB's network without the prior approval of the Director General, IT Department.

7.8 Bank Personnel shall be vigilant against risks associated with emails, text messages, and instant messages, including unfamiliar senders, suspicious attachments or web links in the contents, Malware distribution, phishing, spam and social engineering.

7.9 Bank Personnel shall conduct AIIB-related functions over the AIIB email system and no other email. Bank Personnel may only use the AIIB's email system for personal use in an incidental manner and to an extent compatible with their official duties. All emails in the AIIB email system are backed up regularly against accidental loss or modification, destruction, or damage.

7.10 Bank Personnel shall have a secure workplace when working remotely, and shall be vigilant against risks associated with public environments, including unsecured Wi-Fi hotspots in coffee shops, libraries, airports, hotels, and other public places.

8. User Identification and Authentication

8.1 Bank Personnel shall use their unique user identification (user ID) provided by AIIB to access AIIB’s IT Facilities. They shall not use user IDs and Authentication Information of other Bank Personnel, and shall not use any Shared ID.

8.2 Upon termination of employment with AIIB, user IDs and Authentication Information of Bank Personnel shall be disabled or removed by the IT Department.

8.3 Bank Personnel shall protect their user IDs and Authentication Information, and shall not share their Authentication Information with anyone.

8.4 Bank Personnel shall not circumvent or attempt to circumvent AIIB’s authentication measures on any IT Facilities.

8.5 Bank Personnel shall create and protect passwords consistent with the password requirements specified in the relevant Administrative Guidance.

9. Rules for External Parties

9.1 External Parties who need to use AIIB’s IT Facilities shall also comply with the rules of this Directive and relevant Administrative Guidance through their incorporation by reference into their respective contracts.

9.2 External Parties shall not enable or facilitate unauthorized access to AIIB’s IT Facilities and Restricted Data, by any entity or body, including commercial, political, or state organizations of any country.

10. IT Security Incident Reporting

10.1 Bank Personnel shall report without unnecessary delay any observed or suspected IT security risks and incidents to the IT Department, and proactively provide reasonable
assistance in incident-handling activities.

11. Roles and Responsibilities

11.1 Bank Personnel shall 1) not enable or facilitate unauthorized access to AIIB’s IT Facilities and Restricted Data, by any entity or body, including commercial, political, or state organizations of any country, 2) not knowingly be involved in any activity that may undermine, circumvent or breach the IT security of AIIB, 3) comply with this Directive and follow any related Administrative Guidance, and 4) complete IT security trainings as required by AIIB before the stipulated deadline.

11.2 The IT Department shall 1) design and implement management measures and technical controls for IT security, 2) coordinate IT security incidents handling activities and provide technical solutions, and 3) develop and implement IT security education and training programs.

12. Misconduct

12.1 A breach by Bank Personnel of the terms of this Directive may amount to misconduct under the Code of Conduct for Bank Personnel.

13. Implementation

13.1 The Vice President and Chief Administration Officer (VP & CAO) shall oversee this Directive, introduce any related Administrative Guidance and ensure their efficient and accurate implementation.

14. Authority

14.1 The VP & CAO shall make all final decisions regarding the application of this Directive.