



Scotiabank Hosts Cyber Security Seminar



Scotiabank cyber security expert Leighton Mitchell (centre) shows customer Lennox Richards (left), Richards Surgical Supplies Equipment Limited, the Scotiabank Online Security Guarantee in an informative booklet on Online Security produced by the Bank. Mitchell had just presented at the first in a series of Security seminars titled ‘Securing Your Finances in the Digital Age’ focused on educating customers on preventative options. Equally intrigued is Scotiabank Centre Branch Manager, Stredic Thompson (left).

[September 30, 2016] In celebration of Cyber Security Awareness Month, Scotiabank today launched a first in a series of educational fora, titled ‘Securing Your Finances in the Digital Age’, focused on tackling the issue of online security. Targeting customers, the seminar was hosted inside the Scotiabank Centre branch on Friday, September 30.

At this the initial staging, a gathering of SME customers, along with persons in the branch, were enlightened on the various schemes affecting the Jamaican financial landscape, along with strategies to be utilised to protect identities and monies.

The presentation was made by Scotiabank’s Manager Forensics, Leighton Mitchell, who engaged his audience with current situations, including phishing, malware, and identity theft. He cautioned Jamaicans to have better control of personal information.

“Don’t randomly share your name and email address. Any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name; or information linked to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information, should be protected”. Requests for details on your, tax registration number, credit card

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number, or bank account, should be corroborated. “This is all information fraudsters use to defraud you” he cautioned.

“Always remember that Scotiabank will never send you unsolicited emails asking for confidential information, such as your password, PIN, access code, credit card and account numbers”, he said. “We will never ask you to validate or restore your account access through email or pop-up windows”.

As preventative guidelines he advised persons to protect PINs and passwords, including those on wireless modems; use encryption, anti-virus software, and personal firewalls; and to mitigate against malware, install Trusteer Rapport (offered FREE by Scotiabank) on all computers.

Cyber security attacks have become a global phenomenon affecting all systems connected to the internet. The type and scale of attacks are on the increase and becoming more and more sophisticated. Scotiabank hopes, that with sufficient education, customers will be better able to adopt preventative measures to protect themselves.

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