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### *C1: Phone scammers play on fear of law*

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Police say most of the 426 victims this year were students of newcomers to city from the mainland

Calls demanding action over personal documents or cross-border parcels are the reasons many students or newcomers from the mainland are tricked by phone scammers posing as government officials, according to Hong Kong police.

The force received 716 phone scam reports in the first nine months of this, with 82 percent of victims being conned by the scammers successfully.

### *A3: Payments system enters new 'market'*

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Ant Financial Services Group, which operates the payments system for the world's largest online shopping platform, is expanding its Alipay service to the fishmongers and wet markets of Hong Kong, taking a major step to spearhead and popularise a cashless economy in the city.

Ant Financial and Uni-China (Market) Management's Hong Kong Market unit have formed a partnership to make the AlipayHK electronic payment platform available to 43 hawkers at the MC Box Po Tat market in Kowloon's Kwun Tong district. The service will be complete by the end of 2017, according to a press statement.

The roll out of electronics payment is a small step in improving hygiene at wet markets, preventing hawkers from handling money and food at the same time, said Hong Kong Market's chief executive Jackie Ling. Customers can pay the exact amount of their purchases by scanning a QR code, without needing to handle any change by merchants, Ling said.