

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN PEACETIME AND CRISIS



Partnerships are vital for businesses, especially when preparing for crises. During peacetime, being connected to a wider group allows them to learn from industry peers, and collaborate on safety and security initiatives. Businesses can also expand their support network through groups like Safety and Security Watch Group (SSWG) or Industry Safety and Security Watch Group (iSSWG).

As part of Business Continuity Planning (BCP), businesses should keep track of key stakeholders and suppliers, and ensure all contact information is up-to-date. Additionally, they are also encouraged to prepare a pool of alternative vendors who can support operations in the event of disruptions.

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SPOTLIGHT

We had a quick chat with **Mr Nasen Thiagarajan, President of the Singapore Nightlife Business Association (SNBA)**, to find out how SNBA has encouraged and promoted vigilance among its members, as well as strengthened partnerships.



Q: How has SNBA partnered other organisations and agencies to combat terrorism and boost vigilance?

A: SNBA has been actively collaborating with various organisations and agencies to enhance counter-terrorism measures and promote vigilance within the nightlife industry. We have facilitated information sharing, training programmes, and joint exercises to mitigate security risks and ensure the safety of patrons and establishments alike. Earlier in January this year, we partnered the Singapore Police Force (SPF) on the Safe Clubbing Campaign which aimed to raise awareness on safety and security measures among nightlife patrons and staff.

Q: How does SNBA promote general vigilance among their members?

A: We disseminate security advisories and best practices for enhancing vigilance and security measures within nightlife establishments among our members regularly. Most of our members also have various security measures put in place to enhance security, safety, and vigilance within their establishments. Some of these measures include installing CCTV surveillance systems, employing trained security personnel, and implementing access control measures.

Q: Is there anything else that SNBA is currently working on to further improve on the capability of their members?

A: SNBA is currently working on an accreditation scheme, designed to elevate industry standards through educating staff on security awareness, conflict resolution, and emergency response protocols. Through this initiative SNBA hopes to achieve a more secure, vibrant, and sustainable nightlife landscape, thus enhancing the overall experience for patrons and stakeholders. SNBA also holds biannual industry networking nights where members can network with industry experts, share insights and stay informed on the latest trends and protocols. The upcoming session is expected to be held on 25 April 2024. For more information, please stay updated via www.snba.org.sg or SNBA's Facebook page. Alternatively, you may also write in to secretariat@snba.org.sg.

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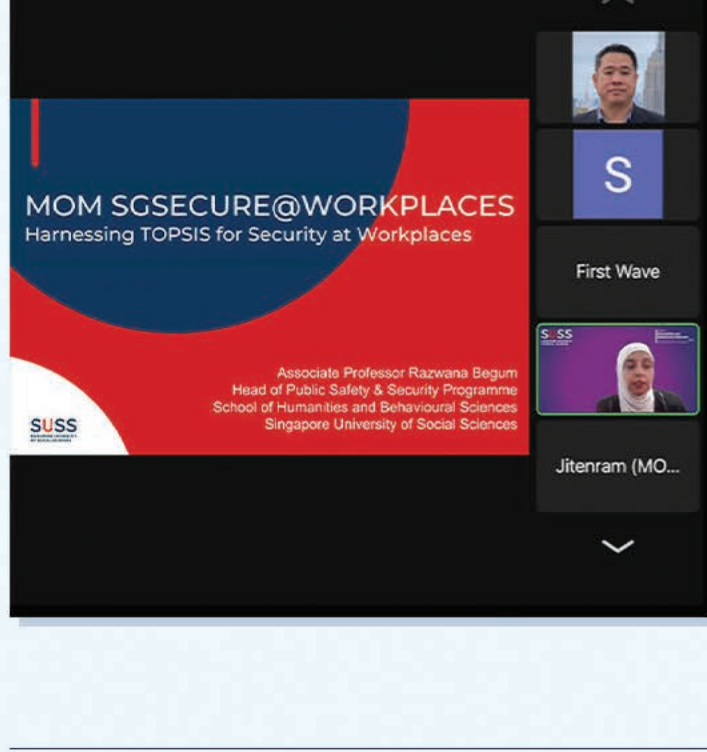
The SGSecure@Workplaces team organised an appreciation lunch to recognise and thank the efforts of our partners and stakeholders over the past year. Dr Kumar Ramakrishna from SUSS, Mr Dex Yuan from Security 4.0, and MHA colleagues were also invited to share about the current and forecasted threat landscape.

SNBA Safe Clubbing Campaign, 24 Jan



SNBA collaborated with SPF on a Safe Clubbing Campaign to promote a safe and secure environment for patrons and staff in the entertainment and nightlife industries. The event covered topics such as responsible drinking, crime awareness, as well as vigilance towards potential terror threats in business premises.

SGSecure@Workplaces Webinar: Harnessing TOPSIS for Security at Workplaces, 21 Feb



The SGSecure@Workplaces team organised a webinar to improve businesses' vigilance using the TOPSIS framework. Mr Peter Tan from the Security Industry Institute and Dr Razwana Begum from SUSS shared their insights on TOPSIS and how we can build a safer and more vigilant business landscape in Singapore. The webinar also touched on the importance of Total Defence.

SHA Tabletop Exercise for Hoteliers, 28 Feb



To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Total Defence, Singapore Hotel Association held their inaugural tabletop exercise with simulated cyber and physical attack scenarios to test hoteliers on their response plans during a crisis.

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