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Cyber Safety for Children: Tips for Parents

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Parenting has become more demanding over the years, more so, in the families where both the parents are working. Ever shrinking base of the family support and evolution of nuclear families has impacted the children adversely. Today, neither they have the luxury of grannies bed time stories nor parental care and adequate time which a child needs.

The problem of parenting has become more acute, as the children are locked indoors for over one year and they have to attend classes on their smart phones or laptop or desktops. Even some of them have the access to latest gadgets.

Thus, they are exposed to all kind of vagaries from Cyber world, from bullying to dangerous and life threatening games. In a confined space, an impressionable mind is more vulnerable and thus constant attention is needed for guidance. So, we need to protect them from the prying eyes of cyber criminals. As keeping them away from the net is not an option today.

Let's discuss some of the steps that you can take as a parent to prevent your children from falling prey of the dark side of the virtual world while teaching them safe navigation.

These are as under:-

1. Be Open and Friendly: It is very important for the children to feel comfortable to discuss the issues which bother them and let them share with you. It is not good to be 'too strict' parent today. They don't have any other person to advise and correct them. So maintain the communication which matters to them on a daily or regular basis. One should not shy away to ask questions related to their net surfing routine. As a parent, it is important to know what are their normal cyber habits and behaviours, other than attending classes and how do they use and behave on the net. It is better to teach them opportunities that are available in the cyber world and exploit them rather than they fall victims themselves.

2. Cyber Safe Behaviour: We must teach our children as what should be posted on the net specially about family, schooling, holidays and other details to the extended families and friends over the net, just to get a high on getting 'Likes'. This information can be shared in person but NOT on the net because it is visible to the entire world. These posts can jeopardise family's security, safety and well being. So, cyber conduct is important. It is not only teaching them but also apply in our personal cyber conduct as well. Also it is very important to teach them that anything unknown, unexpected and unsolicited mails/posts with links which asks you 'to click', must be avoided or to be brought at the notice of the parents.

3. Awareness of Cyber Threats: One must teach the pitfalls, threats that are lurking around the corner. Mails coming into the mail box and offering freebies like winning of lotteries etc that lures all of us into a trap. In addition, cyber-bullying, pornography and gambling are the biggest threats which exploits children most. They must be advised and monitored so that they stay away from such unwarranted posts.

4. System Hygiene and Cleanliness: We must maintain all the gadgets, phones and devices with anti viruses and anti-malware programmes and keep them up to date with the latest versions. Cyber hygiene is a very important habit which keeps the systems safe from prying eyes.

5. Parenting Control: One should consider enabling parental controls on certain devices to shield them from the unwanted stuff.

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The IISSM has been founded with an aim to proliferate awareness in the field of Security and safety for over three decades. In this endeavour, the IISSM has trained thousands of professionals over three decades, organising International conclaves and seminars. In addition, we have been publishing this News Letter from long time. Since we have our past students, who are our well wishers and brand ambassadors all across the globe, so we thought why not touch base with them and get to know how they have used their knowledge and share their experiences with other through this News Letter.

Towards this we begin a series and will publish their interviews or write ups etc. This is aimed at adding more value for the readers who might take a cue from the experiences and learning of others. In this endeavour, we bring the first interview with **Mr. Edward John Oliveros Rodriguez, CPA, CIA, CFE, CFCS, CECFE, CFEI, CNAP, CNP, PACE, PHRI, CPP, CHPP, CSSM, CSP, CPO.** He is born and brought up in Philippines and has been working the UN as an Auditor. He has been working in various countries/continents and now a resident of USA. He is an avid learner which can be seen from his certifications, most of them have been acquired during the Lockdown period of Covid-19. He has done CSP with IISSM in 2020 by remaining most of the nights awake during the training period. He is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt holder and Certified in Project Management. He is certified as Master Level Fitness Trainer by ISSA International. He is one of the well wishers of the IISSM.

Editor: How and when did you come across about the IISSM?

Edward: As I recall, I came across IISSM in LinkedIn, shortly after I passed the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) exam of ASIS International in Feb-2020, and I was looking for other certification courses to augment my knowledge in physical security.

An Interview with our Past Student

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Editor: So you decided to do a course with IISSM! What were the factors you considered before choosing the IISSM for doing a course?

Edward: The factors I considered, and that I consider for future courses are:

- (a) Whether the course is related to or relevant to my professions (accountancy, fraud prevention, internal auditing, and oversight of physical security). But of course, I consider the subject matter, if it is interesting, because I am always hungry to learn new things.
- (b) The cost, of course.
- (c) The delivery method (self-study, online, hybrid).

Editor: How was the course? Did it meet your expectations?

Edward: The course met my expectations. A bonus was that I made many new connections.

Editor: Could you leverage your learning into practices?

Edward: I certainly could do so. Learning from these courses is cumulative and complementary. Also, because I am active on social media, when I discuss topics such as cyber security and physical security, I can speak as a professional certified in those areas.

Editor: How would you recommended IISSM to your friends, clients etc, for which all courses?

Edward: I have already made recommendations, via social media and by word of mouth.

Editor: What were your experiences during the Virtual Class, given that you were on the other side of the globe, specially timings were very odd?

Edward:
(a) My experience was absolutely wonderful. ***As I mentioned during the wrap-up of the course, I have worked with many professionals from India during my 30-year career in the nonprofit sector and in the United Nations, and I have the utmost respect for them. My experience working with security professionals during the course (the participants, the lecturers, the IISSM directorate/ management, and the non-teaching admin staff) served to increase my admiration and respect for Indian professionals.***

(b) The timing (i.e., the 12.5-hour time difference) was not a big deal at all. My attending in the course, knowing that it will be held on Delhi time, was a professional decision I made as an adult, and I was ready to make the adjustments in my sleep/ work schedule. That said, the timing of the CISP course two months later (on two consecutive weekends) was rather more convenient. We do what we have to do.

Editor: Would you like to be actively associated with the IISSM in future?

Edward: Of course I would like to be actively associated with IISSM - in fact I frequently visit

the IISSM website, and I am seeking to attend other offerings ***that will lead to certifications*** (e.g. business continuity/ disaster management, fire prevention, and similar)

Editor: Do you think that our courses have a demand in USA and Western Countries? If yes, how do we reach them?

Edward: (a) I believe so. You have the cost advantage.
(b) IISSM should expand its reach by doing tie-ups with organizations such as IFPO.
(c) Also, IISSM should make it easy for participants to enroll and to pay the fees. (Comment from Editor : The IISSM has payment gateway thru CC Avenue. Registration form once submitted properly, the portal takes the applicant to CC Avenue payment gateway).

Editor: When are you visiting IISSM?

Edward: Good question!! Since my retirement from the United Nations and from the nonprofit sector, I have hardly travelled. But I promise you, when the opportunity arises, or when I find myself in India, I will pay you/ IISSM a visit.

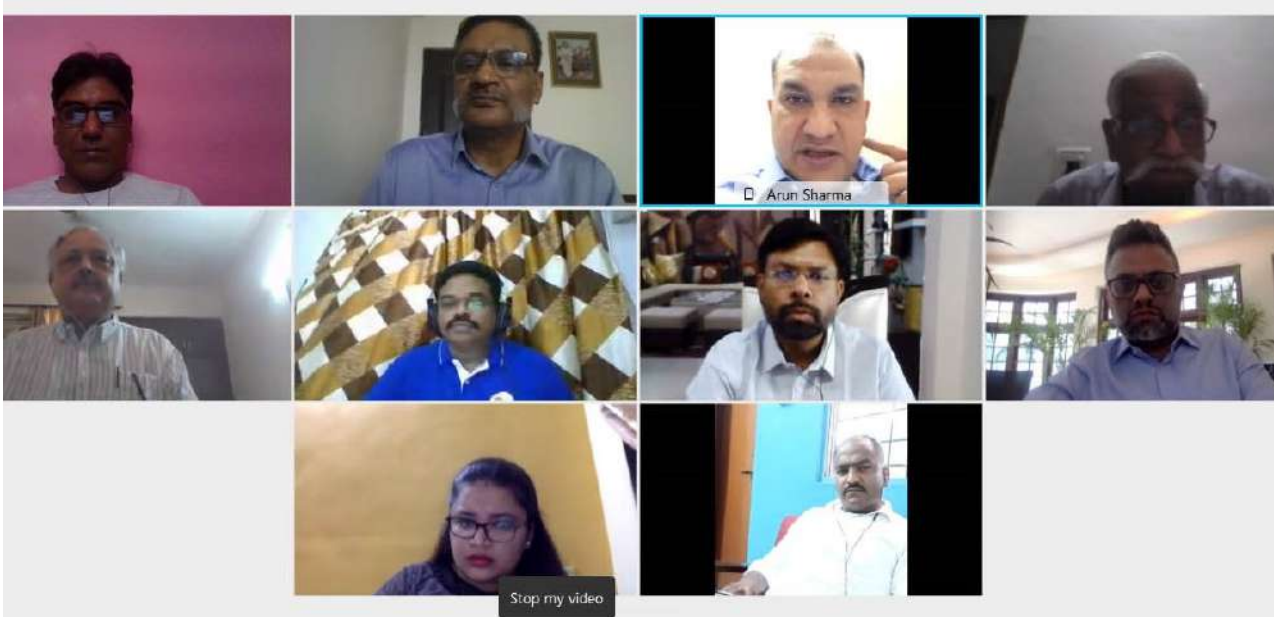
Editor: Would you like to contribute in the Newsletter or proliferating word across, how?

Edward: ***Yes, I would be happy to contribute to the IISSM newsletter. Let me know what areas you would like me to comment or write about. And I have already been proliferating word across.***

Note: We would like to bring out similar interviews with our past BOG Members, Members and all those who are/were associated with us.

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Certified Security Practitioners' Course (VC)



The Certified Security Practitioner Course (VC) conducted by IISSM on **05-06 & 12-13 June 2021** (Weekend Course) on virtual platform. The participants were from Pune, Mumbai, Vizag, Delhi NCR and Faridabad.

The sessions covered the topics like Fire safety Management, Risk Management, Disaster Risk Management, Fire Safety Management and Evacuation (National Building Code and NFPA Standards), IEDs and Bomb threat handling, Technological Application in Security Management, Bank, Hotel, Mann and Hospital Security, Incidence Response System & Crisis Mgmt Framework, Corporate Vigilance - Overview & Preventive Aspects, Industrial Safety, Arms Act and Arms Licensing, Executive Protection and Role of PSO, Hotel Security, Bank Security, Cyber Security & Data Protection, PSAR Act - 2005 - Need for review, and Business Continuity Planning. In addition, a Class Room Crisis Simulation Exercise, on Flood Situation Management was conducted.

It was very heartening to witness very healthy interactions between the participants and the Faculty members. The Classroom Exercise received an Excellent Response from the Participants.

The Faculty Members who conducted the Course were:

(a) Brig AK Pathak (Retd)& Col (Dr.) M P Sen (Retd): IISSM Faculties

(b) Brig (Dr.) VK Dutta (Retd) and Col Sumit Monga (Retd): Guest Faculties

All Participants have also shown interest in our activities like Seminars, Conclaves and Membership in addition to future association.

Overall the course was very well appreciated.



Mr Kannan A, Security Manager, Amazon Development Center India Pvt Ltd, Chennai
"Informative, Interesting, Qualitative and strongly recommended for security professionals".



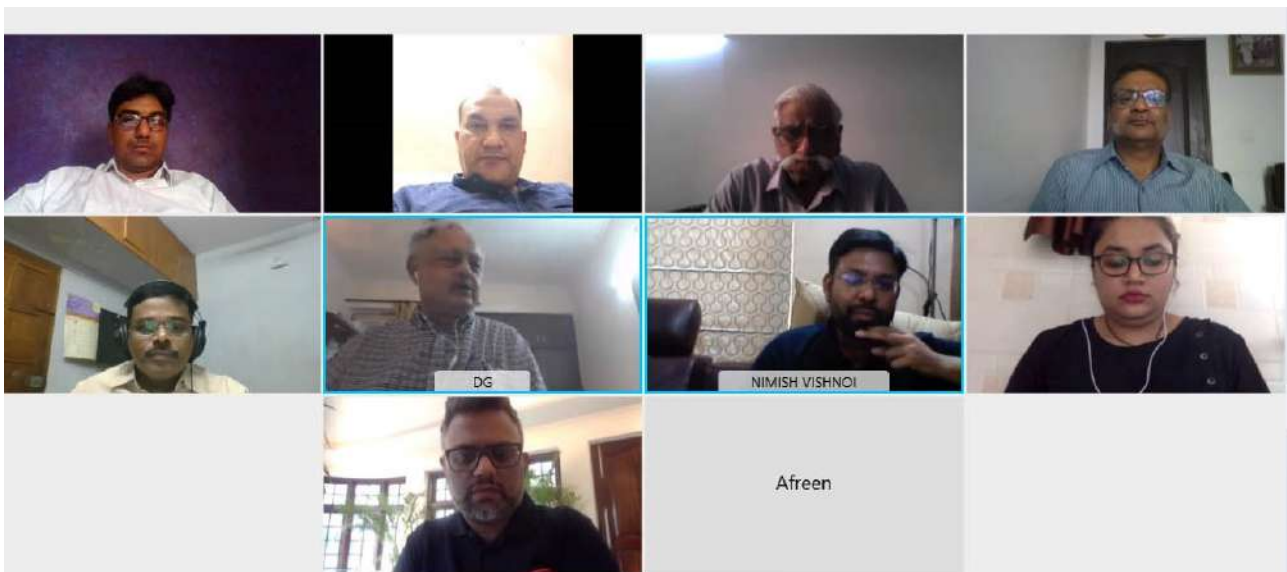
Ms Pooja Mahagaonkar, CEO, Immovable Property & Safety Agency Ltd, Mumbai
"The course covers every aspect of the Security Industry in detail and it will surely help me."



Mr. Vevak Gossain, Managing Director, Securico Electronics India Limited, Faridabad
"A power packed program which touches upon many critical areas under the security domain"



Valection address by S.K.Sharma, Chairman IISSM



Valection address by Rajan Medhekar, DG IISSM

Course Brochure/Fliers for August'21

CERTIFIED INFORMATION SECURITY PRACTITIONER

(VIRTUAL CLASSROOM)

31st July-1 August & 7-8 August
1000-1700 Hrs.



CERTIFIED SECURITY PRACTITIONER

(Virtual Classroom)

13-14 & 20-21, August 2021

1000-1700 hrs.
Weekend Course



10-11 August, 2021
1000-1700 hrs.

Baggage
Screening
& Image
Interpretation
(Virtual Classroom Course)



Who all should attend:

Security Officers/ Supervisors of Banks, Hospitals, Hotels, Surface Transport Industry, Mining Agencies and all others related to Security & Safety.



Objective:

The ISSM has structured a unique, holistic and experiential four day Orientation Program on "Baggage Screening & Image Interpretation" for Security Practitioners.



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Certificate Course on Fire Safety & Emergency Response

(Virtual Classroom Course)

17-18 August, 2021

1000 - 1700 hrs.



Certificate Course in Disaster Management & Business Continuity Planning (Virtual Classroom)

26-29 August, 2021 (Weekend course)
1000-1700 hrs.



From the Desk of Editor

Dear Readers,

In our last issue of the News Letter, I had written enough about the menace of Corona and its impact on India specially the 2nd Wave. While going through the statistics, the number of new cases everyday has come down well below 50,000 per day which is certainly heartening, given the kind of onslaught we faced in the month of April, May and Jun'21. We have experienced ourselves how we were struggling because almost every family in the country had someone falling sick. Many of us have lost some one near and dear or at least someone known. It has touched all of us.

It was felt and so we thought that the people will take due care as the normalcy started returning. But everything appears to have been forgotten as if nothing has happened to us or worse, nothing will happen to us in future. This kind of mindset is on display everywhere, at least visuals from Manali, Shimla, Dharamshala, Nainital, Masoori are the testimony to that. No sooner the Lockdown restrictions were eased, people from Northern states rushed out to the cooler sojourns, to escape the heat waves that had been lashing the area for entire June'21, barring one odd spells of rains. While the state governments (UP and Uttarakhand) are not on the same page on the issue of 'Kanwar Yatra', honourable Supreme Court had taken suo moto notice on the issue and advised the governments to do necessary arrangements to avoid the 'Yatra' which might trigger the 'Third Wave'.

North India has received some rainfall in second week of July, thus giving a respite from the heat wave that was on rampage. On the other hand, North Eastern and Eastern states have been experiencing heavy rains early in June and now Bihar has been half submerged due to floods over a month. Meanwhile, incidents of cloud bursts, lightning and thunder attacks have taken many lives in the country. While northern India was sizzling, other parts like Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand and entire North East and South India were experiencing heavy rains; other parts of the world are also equally affected. Canada and USA has been experiencing serious heat waves, so much so that the local governments in Vancouver (Canada, perennially cold) and Seattle (Washington, USA) had to set up 'Cooling Centres' all over the city or the state. Tokyo and some parts of the USA received torrential rains and flash floods. This kind of erratic behaviour of nature is not only limited to Northern hemisphere but also the Southern hemisphere is experiencing extreme. New Zealand has been experiencing worst winter in couple of decades. In fact, Records are being broken every year be it in summers or winters, Northern or Southern hemisphere, irrespective of the location on the planet.

The 'Climate Change' is being discussed in every geo-political fora, from UN to Davos, or at G7 to G21 summit, but the world leaders have failed to reach consensus and do something tangible to arrest this downward slide of the nature. It will not be wrong to say that if something drastic is not done 'now' we will lose it forever. The earth, the only home to homosapiens, is endangered which should be given space to breath.

Back to Corona again, nations have started experiencing new variants due to multiple mutations; from Delta to Lambda and now Kappa. Because of the very nature of the virus, we can't lower our guard. India has launched massive vaccination program but given the sheer size and availability of vaccines, it is difficult to predict the time required to achieve 'herd immunity'. It is for sure that we have to live with this virus and thus it is important that we learn 'how to live with it, sooner is better'. At the IISSM, we are continuing with the present mode of online classes till such time normalcy returns.

At the end, I wish you all the very best for the forthcoming Independence Day! Jai Hind!

Yours' Sincerely,

Col (Dr.) MP Sen