

Annex - Key Elements of CBAC 2026

During the competition, participants worked in teams of four to five as “criminal profilers” to solve a fictitious homicide case. Through the case narrative, participants encountered clues and scenarios involving technology-facilitated crime concerns, including scam-related mule activities, non-consensual intimate image offences, drug offences, and broader online safety risks.

Phase 1: Case Briefing. CBAC 2026 began with an online case briefing on 11 July, where participants were introduced to the fictitious homicide case and the persons of interest. The briefing set the context for the competition and inducted participants into their role as “profilers”.

Phase 2: Self-Guided Investigation Period. From 11 to 18 July, teams took part in a self-guided investigation through an online investigation portal. Clues were released daily for teams to review, analyse, and piece together as part of their report submissions. These clues included fictitious witness statements, forensic evidence, social media and messaging platform transcripts, and audio recordings.

Through the investigation, participants were exposed to prevention messages on scam-related mule activities, including the risks and consequences of selling bank accounts, SIM cards and Singpass accounts to scam syndicates in exchange for quick cash. The case narrative also highlighted the harms and legal consequences of producing, possessing, or distributing non-consensual intimate images, including materials circulated in anonymous online spaces. Participants were encouraged to consider how online anonymity, disinhibition, and peer influence can increase the risk of harmful behaviours, as part of their investigation.

Phase 3: Final Case Conference. The competition culminated in the Final Case Conference on 18 July, where teams received final clues and worked under time pressure to identify the true perpetrator behind the fictitious homicide case. The final clues also revealed how different persons of interest had been influenced or manipulated across the case narrative. Through the perpetrator reveal videos and emcee engagements, the final round further reinforced key online

safety messages, including the importance of critical digital literacy, questioning suspicious online interactions, and staying vigilant against negative influence in digital spaces.

Through these three phases, CBAC 2026 sought to educate youths on emerging crime concerns, deepen their appreciation of criminal behavioural analysis, and encourage them to play an active role in keeping themselves and our community safe.



Photo 1: Group photo at finale of CBAC 2026 on 18 July 2026



Photo 2: SMS Sim Ann and NCPC Vice Chairman with CBAC winners



Photo 3: SMS Sim Ann engaging CBAC winners



Photo 4: SPF officer engaging CBAC participants at NCPD booth



Photo 5: CBAC participants engaging one another to solve the case

