



Data Protection Day 2024



January 28 is a significant day for Seychelles as we come together to celebrate Data Protection Day. This day provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of safeguarding personal data and the pivotal role it plays in our society. With the introduction of the new Data Protection Act in December of 2023, Seychelles is taking a momentous step towards ensuring the privacy and security of individuals' information.

At the core of this Act lies the mandate of the Information Commission, which is responsible for overseeing and enforcing data protection regulations. The Information Commission plays a vital role in promoting transparency, accountability, and adherence to good data protection practices in Seychelles. Through its efforts, the Commission ensures that personal information is handled responsibly and ethically by organizations operating within our jurisdiction.

The new Data Protection Act is designed to align Seychelles with international best practices and standards, bringing us in line with other progressive nations. By implementing robust data protection regulations, we are fostering an environment of trust and confidence for both individuals and businesses in Seychelles. This Act empowers individuals to exercise greater control over their personal information and provides them with the reassurance that their data is being handled securely.

The Act imposes various obligations on organizations regarding the collection, processing, storage, and disclosure of personal data. It ensures that individuals' consent is obtained before their information is collected, and provides them with the right to access, correct, and delete their data. Additionally, stringent measures are in place to protect sensitive data, such as financial or health-related information, from unauthorized access or misuse.

As we celebrate Data Protection Day, we must responsibly acknowledge the significance of data protection in today's digital age. The new Data Protection Act serves as a testament to Seychelles' commitment to upholding the fundamental right to privacy and protection of personal data. It establishes a foundation for responsible data handling practices and promotes a culture of safeguarding information in our nation.

On this day, we call upon individuals, organizations, and government bodies to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the new Data Protection Act. It is essential that we all play our collective roles in creating a secure and privacy-conscious Seychelles. By prioritizing data protection, we can foster innovation, economic growth, and trust in our rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Let us commemorate this Data Protection Day by reaffirming our commitment to ensuring the privacy and security of personal information. Together, we can build a stronger and safer Seychelles, where the rights of individuals are respected, and their data is handled responsibly.