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IPOH: A woman has lost RM115,786 after falling victim to a phone scam syndicate impersonating authorities since January.

Taiping district police chief ACP Mohamad Nasir Ismail said they received a report on Feb 5 from the 25-year-old, who is a student at a university abroad.

He said she received a call from a man impersonating a representative from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on Jan 13.

"The man claimed that a phone number registered under her name had been used to open an account linked to money laundering activities. The call was then supposedly transferred to a police station in China.

"The victim transferred RM115,786 into five accounts, allegedly for investigation purposes.

"On Feb 4, she was instructed to go to the nearest police station to obtain a proof of innocence letter. When she arrived at the police station and inquired about the matter, she realised that she had been scammed."

The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating. – Bernama