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**KUALA LUMPUR:** For over a month, Yap Chin Kee has been receiving countless calls claiming to be from a bank.

The callers tried to threaten him, saying legal action would be taken if he did not pay off his bank loans.

But Yap was not that easy to fool as he had read about cases of phone scammers and exercised caution when dealing with such calls.

He calmly told the callers that he would ensure that all his debts were paid on time.

"I sensed that something was amiss because at no point during the calls did they ask me to pay a specific amount of money.

"They were more interested in trying to obtain my full name and IC number," he told a press conference organised by MCA Public Services and Complaints Depart-

ment head Datuk Seri Michael Chong yesterday.

Yap, 69, said the phone calls started in November last year and each call ended with a similar threat.

"In total, I think there were no less than 20 calls from three separate numbers, claiming they were calling from a bank.

"At one time, I was close to switching off the phone when it rang.

"Early last month, I decided to

visit my bank branch to find out what was the problem," Yap added.

To his surprise, a bank officer told Yap the numbers were not associated with them.

A police report was lodged on Wednesday over the attempted scam.

"It's good that he was alert. But it's worrying how these scammers got hold of his personal details," Chong said.