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Question : The Administration has been requested to provide further detailed information on national education programmes relating to the rule of law in Hong Kong and interpretation of the Basic Law produced by Radio Television of Hong Kong in past years.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah

Reply : Radio and television programmes produced by RTHK have often involved discussions on the rule of law. Sometimes programmes and segments are specially produced to cover topics that are directly connected with the topic. Details of such productions in the recent three years are as follows:

Year	Programme	Content	Transmission Time	Channel
Radio Programmes				
2003	Legal Chambers	Audrey Eu, SC, talked with legal professionals on topics raised in a drama.	14:00-16:00 on Saturdays from March to June	Radio 1
	Happy Evening Post: A segment on the knowledge of law	Mr. Danny Yu talked about different legal topics.	00:45-01:00 on Wednesdays	Radio 1
	Morning Suite: A Q&A session on legal issues	To provide legal information to young listeners	A segment appeared in 06:00-10:00 Mondays to Fridays from May 2003 to April 2004	Radio 2
2004	Chairman Fireless: Legal Concern	Audrey Eu and Alan Leong, SCs, talked about laws in Hong Kong.	A segment appeared in 15:00-16:30 Mondays to Fridays	Radio 1
	Full-time Youth: A Debate on the Rule of Law	Co-organised by Hong Kong Young Legal Professionals Association	A segment appeared in 15:00-17:00 Mondays to Fridays from October to December	Radio 2
	Seminar to mark the 14th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law	Abstracts of the speeches delivered in the seminar on 15 May was relayed. Speakers included: Mr Zhu Yucheng, Director of the Institute of Hong Kong and Macao Affairs, State Council, Prof Wang Zhenmin, Tsinghua University School of Law, Mr Stephen Lam, Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr Paul Yip, Chairman, Hong Kong Policy Research and Institute, and Mr Alan Hoo, Chairman, Basic Law Institute, etc. The seminar was organised by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law.	16 May	Putonghua Channel

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2005	Seminar to mark the 15th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law	Legal professionals including Prof Benny Tai, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong, Dr Priscilla Leung, Associate Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Ms Maria Tam, Member of the Basic Law Committee, Mr Rimsky Yuen, Vice-chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association and Mr Peter Lo, Vice-chairman, the Law Society of Hong Kong were invited as speakers.	2 April	Radio 1
	A special programme to mark the 15th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law	Abstracts of speeches delivered in a seminar organised by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law to mark the occasion were relayed. Speakers included Mr Donald Tsang, Acting Chief Executive, Prof Rao Geping, Deputy Director, Institute of Hong Kong and Macau Affairs and Prof Zhang Hanlin, Foreign Economic and Trade University, etc.	9 April	Radio 1 and Putonghua Channel
	Full-time Youth: A Q&A session on legal issues	To provide legal information to young listeners	A segment has been scheduled to be aired on 15:00-17:00 Mondays to Fridays from May 2004 onwards	Radio 2
	Programme for the Elderly: Legal Corner	To provide legal advice and information to senior listeners	A segment has been scheduled to be aired on 11:30-12:00 on Mondays from 2000 onwards	Radio 5

Television Programmes

2003	City Forum	On Basic Law Article 23	16 February	TVB Jade
	Hong Kong Connection	“The deadline is on 9 July” (on Basic Law Article 23 legislation)	30 June	TVB Jade
	City Forum	On Basic Law Article 23	6 July	TVB Jade
	Quiz on Basic Law	A quiz show aimed at disseminating information on the Basic Law.	25 July	TVB Jade ATV Home Cable TV Entertainment
2004	City Forum	Do Hong Kong people know the Basic Law?	15 February	TVB Jade
	The Basic Law	A General Studies programme for Primary 6 pupils	Debuted on 23 February and repeated in every school year	TVB Jade ATV Home
	City Forum	The impacts of the National People’s Congress’s interpretation of the Basic Law	4 April	TVB Jade
	City Forum	The prospect of constitutional reform following the National People’s Congress’s interpretation of the Basic Law	11 April	TVB Jade

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2004	City Forum	How much room is left for constitutional development in Hong Kong?	2 May	TVB Jade
	Human Rights Beyond Boundaries	The crew visited the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands and Hong Kong to study the human rights conditions there.	Five episodes (29 May – 26 June)	TVB Jade
2005	Basic Law Magazine	A magazine programme which presented a weekly topic on a lighter note. Controversial issues were given full background and thorough discussion.	Six episodes (3 April – 8 May)	ATV Home
	Hong Kong Connection	Our Basic Law	4 April	TVB Jade
	City Forum	Is it a good idea to request the National People's Congress for an interpretation of the law on the term of Chief Executive?	10 April	TVB Jade

Apart from the above, discussion programmes like *Talkabout*, *Open Line*, *Open View*, and interview programmes like *An Hour More*, *Accountability*, etc. produced by the Radio Division often involve topics on the rule of law. Television programmes produced by the Public Affairs Television Division including *LegCo Review*, *Media Watch*, *Headliner*, *Police Magazine*, etc. also from time to time deal with topics relating to the rule of law as part of their contents.

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