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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

With the concurrence of Hon SIN Chung-kai, Panel Chairman, I circulate for members' information a letter dated 21 February 2006 from Mr Raymond R WONG, Chairman of the Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) inviting Panel members to meet with the Review Committee and give views on the PSB review.

2. The Chairman's initial thinking is that it will be more meaningful for the Panel to meet with the Review Committee after it has met with deputations and conducted the overseas duty visit and when the Panel has formulated certain observations/recommendations on the way forward. However, if individual Panel members would like to give views to the Review Committee, they are at liberty to do so on their own accord.

3. The Panel Chairman has advised that if members have other views on the Review Committee's invitation, they are welcome to raise them at the forthcoming special meeting on 11 March 2006; or inform the undersigned or Ms Debbie YAU at 2509 4602.

(Miss Polly YEUNG)
Clerk to Panel

Encl.

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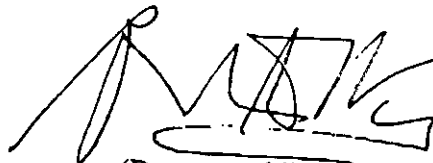
Dear Mr. Sin,

The Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting has begun to review comprehensively the future development of public service broadcasting (PSB) in Hong Kong. As I stated at the Special Meeting of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (ITB Panel) on 25 January 2006, to fulfill this important and exciting mission, the Committee will conduct the review professionally and impartially, and examine all relevant issues with intellectual rigor.

I also stated on the same occasion that public and industry engagement would be critical to the Committee's work. Inputs from broadcasters and practitioners, from Honourable Members of the Legislative Council and from all sectors of the community will help ensure that the Committee's recommendations reflect public needs and expectations of PSB. The Committee would therefore appreciate if Members of the ITB Panel would share their wise counsel on PSB, in particular on the issues set out at Annex. We stand ready to welcome Panel Members to a meeting in our Secretariat at a time to your convenience. There will be neither a photo opportunity nor any other media arrangement for the proposed meeting. To encourage candor, all views expressed at the meeting will be received in strict confidence and used for the sole purpose of the review.

I look forward to receiving your favourable reply. Should you require any information, please contact Ms Alice Lau, Secretary to the Committee (Tel: 2594 0486; fax: 3115 1334).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Wong', written in a cursive style.

(Raymond R Wong)

Chairman

Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting

Annex**Review of Public Service Broadcasting**
公共廣播服務檢討

The Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting welcomes your views and inputs on all aspects of public service broadcasting in Hong Kong. In particular, the Committee invites you to consider the following questions.

公共廣播服務檢討委員會歡迎您就香港公共廣播的各方面提供意見和建議，並尤為希望得知您對下述問題的想法。

1. What are the purposes and values - or public service mandate of - a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong?
香港公共廣播服務的功能和價值 — 即其公共服務權限 — 為何?
2. How should a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong differentiate itself from commercial broadcasters?
香港的公共廣播機構應與商營廣播機構有何區別?
3. Where should the resources for a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong come from?
香港的公共廣播機構資源應從向來?
4. What should be the guiding principles for public service broadcasting programming in Hong Kong?
香港公共廣播的節目方針應採取甚麼指導原則?
5. Who should monitor the operation of a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong, and how?
香港公共廣播機構的運作應由誰監管? 如何監管?
6. How should we assess the performance of a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong and its fulfillment of public service mandate?
應如何評估香港公共廣播機構的表現及有否完成公共服務權限?
7. How should a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong be accountable to the public?
香港的公共廣播機構應如何向公眾負責?
8. What arrangements should be made to involve the public in ensuring the effective operation of a/the public service broadcaster in Hong Kong and fulfillment of its public service mandate?
應作出甚麼安排，使公眾參與監管香港公共廣播機構，確保其有效運作及完成公共服務權限?

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