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Subject complain against the unreasonable judgement of
Broadcasting Authority

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain the unreasonable practice of the Broadcasting Authority in issuing "Strong Advice" to an episode of the RTHK programme – Hong Kong Connection. It condemned that this episode entitled "Gay Lovers" as partial and biased towards homosexuality and unfair to Christians.

This practice, however, is significantly in breach of the equality principle. What the episode showed was only the view from some local homosexuals, casting light on how they confronted any discrimination or inconvenience in their daily life with their identity of homosexuals known. And Hong Kong Connection has still insisted on its fair principle in reporting the plight of the minority in the community by not drawing any conclusion within the programme, in which the criticism of being partial and biased towards homosexuality cannot be justified. And also, isn't it absurd to say that it is unfair to other groups while they are discriminating the homosexuals? It's just like a situation where a thief says it is unfair to him because he is prosecuted for his criminal. Or according to the same logic, next time when there is any local Christian group produces a film or documentary saying how great Jesus Christ is, isn't it also convincing to accuse it as partial and biased towards Christians and unfair to Buddhism?

Furthermore, according to the "Strong Advice" given by the Broadcasting Authority, this episode of Hong Kong Connection should state clearly at the very beginning of the programme that the following content will may make audience uncomfortable and need the accompany with parents to watch. Yet, no one will deny that no less discriminatory elements, indeed, has already permeated into the advice. Undoubtedly, our society still cannot reach any consensus on homosexuality. But, it is manifest to everyone that giving such a serious advice to a TV programme just because of reporting the homosexuality actually is no more than a discrimination against the homosexuals in the community. Like a man or woman who is homosexual actually has no difference from other who is heterosexual only if they don't tell you they are homosexuals. The sexual orientation is only one's own business. If anyone is trying to say those guys who are homosexual will lead to anxiety to them, then it will be identical to that you feel frustrated when you meet someone who is ugly and try to discriminate the ugly. Therefore, while the Broadcasting Authority is stating that the episode about the homosexuals is partial and biased towards homosexuality is nothing more than discriminating the ugly on the ground of saying feeling anxious after meeting the ugly.

Being a cosmopolitan city in the world, never should Hong Kong ignore or even discriminate the minority in the community as they actually constitute into a crucial element of the community. So, the Broadcasting Authority, as the electronic media watchdog in Hong Kong, should take its initiative to protect the press freedom and embrace diversity in the community, in which diversification has been gaining much more ground internationally than before, in the aspect of a city's sustainable development.

Yours faithfully,

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