

## RTHK disappointed over BA ruling

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Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) expresses disappointment about the Broadcasting Authority (BA)'s issue of a strong advice over the content of an episode of the television programme "Hong Kong Connection" -- "Gay Lovers" that dealt with homosexual issues. The programme, broadcast on 9 July 2006, featured interviews with two homosexual couples.

We consider that the comment made by the BA that the programme treated the issue in an unfair, partial and biased manner leave room for further deliberations. The programme did not debate sexual orientation from a legal or ethical perspective. Instead, it featured a story focusing on several aspects of homosexuals' life. It aimed to reflect social phenomena within the minority group that the public may not be familiar with. It conducted interviews with these couples through which the pressures faced by homosexuals were exposed.

The BA's ruling will have an impact on the editorial deliberations for current affairs programmes. This should be a topic for further public discussions. In the meantime, we will continue to produce high quality programmes in an impartial and serious manner. - End-

Programme revisits:

Original version: <http://www.rthk.org.hk/rthk/tv/hkcc/20060709.html>

English version: <http://www.rthk.org.hk/rthk/tv/hkce/20061019.html>



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