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Mr Ambrose HO, SC, JP
Chairman of the Broadcasting Authority
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Wanchai
Hong Kong

Dear Mr HO,

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, the Chairman of the Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, has instructed the Secretariat to write to the Broadcasting Authority (BA) to seek clarification on the following:

- (a) in connection with the media reports about the mainland property tycoon WANG Zheng's intention to acquire the shares of the Asia Television Limited (ATV), to invest HK \$2 billion over 20 years and to launch a nationwide Putonghua channel transforming ATV into the CNN of Asia, please advise:
 - (i) whether the BA has asked ATV to clarify its current shareholding structure, investment commitments, and programming direction, and what impact (if any) Mr WANG's proposed investment will have on these matters; and
 - (ii) if so, the details of the BA's findings;
- (b) in connection with the media reports about the financial stringency of ATV and the winding up proceedings instituted against it by a creditor, please advise:
 - (i) whether the BA has examined the corporate competence, financial, technical and programming capability of ATV to ascertain whether ATV is capable of providing television

programme services in accordance with the requirements under the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562), the provisions in any applicable Code of Practice and its licence conditions; and

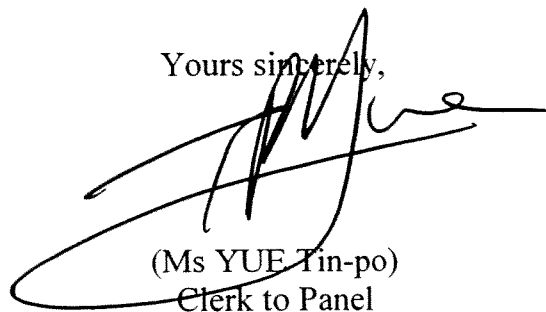
(ii) if so, the details of the BA's findings.

I should be grateful if the BA would provide a written response (in both Chinese and English) **as soon as possible**, and forward the soft copy of the response to Ms May LEUNG at mleung@legco.gov.hk.

Meanwhile, the Administration and the BA are requested to inform the Panel in writing of any new developments on the matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Ms YUE Tin-po)
Clerk to Panel

c.c. Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP (Panel Chairman)

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