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The Honorable Dr Samson Tam Wai-ho, JP Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Dr Tam,

## Public Hearings for the Mid-term Review of the Sound Broadcasting Licences of Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited and Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited

The sound broadcasting licences of Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited ("CRHK") and Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited ("Metro") were renewed for a term of 12 years, commencing August 2004. Condition 6.2 of the respective licences of CRHK and Metro provides that pursuant to Section 13D of the Telecommunications Ordinance, the licences shall be subject to review by the Chief Executive in Council ("CE in C") on or after 26 August 2010 as the Chief Executive ("CE") may determine by order. The CE specified by notice in the Gazette on 3 September 2010 that the review should start on 16 September 2010.

As the statutory body that regulates the broadcasters in Hong Kong, the Broadcasting Authority ("BA") will evaluate the licensees' performance against the various statutory requirements and licence conditions and make recommendations to the CE in C for the purpose of this mid-term review. In this regard, the BA has decided to conduct a public consultation exercise from 16 September 2010 to 15 November 2010 on the services provided by the two licensees, so that the BA can

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take public views into account when formulating recommendations to the CE in C. As part of the public consultation exercise, the BA will conduct two public hearings at the Youth Square in Chai Wan and Tsuen Wan Town Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 24 September and 13 October 2010 respectively to obtain the public feedback on the services of CRHK and Metro.

I would like to invite you and Members of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting to attend the public hearings. A copy of the publicity material for the public hearings will be forwarded to you and the Members of the Panel once available. Our staff will contact the Clerk to the Panel in relation to attendance by Panel Members.

Yours sincerely,

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