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Dear Sirs:

I live overseas (outside of Hong Kong) and therefore I am not able to come to the public hearing which will be held on 24th. Still, I wish to express my concerns here on DBC not being able to broadcast to the general public.

What I like most about DBC is not only they broadcast good quality programs but they have reserved several of their channels for the older people and minorities in Hong Kong. There is a channel for Chinese Operas and there are programs in different languages serving the Filipinos, Indonesians and people of other nationalities. We understand that these people rely a lot on free entertainment as they generally do not earn a lot.

The management of DBC deserves our respect and applaud for serving the under-privileged of society.

It is estimated that DBC broadcasts to an audience of around 300,000 around the world - Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. This is indeed a record because I do not think the existing radio stations in Hong Kong could attract an audience from such a diverse background.

There is no reason for the government to help to kill the radio station. I do not understand too much about law and provisions. I can only use common sense. If the radio station has to stop broadcasting, the government should be actively involved to help the people involved to solve the problem(s). The government cannot escapes its duty to act as the mediator. It is the least that a citizen can demand from his/her government. The existing government under Mr. C Y Leung is newly formed. At best, it should try their utmost to gain trust and confidence from the general public. By employing inefficient officials like Mr. Greg So does not help to solve the problem of DBC. He is always repeating the same standard answers. If we have the same official in the country where I am living, the tax payers would have demanded his or her resignation right away. It is with interest and humour that I read about the government repeatedly fails in the eyes of the citizens of Hong Kong. Quite a record for developed cities like Singapore, London, New York, Stockholm and the likes.

I hope through the public hearing on the 24th Legco members can feel the anger of so many listeners of DBC. The listeners of DBC deserve their radio stations. Legco members and the government together with Management and Shareholders of DBC can take part in discussions and meetings to try to revive DBC. This is the best and simplest solution. Failing that, one can only announce the City of Hong Kong is sadly dying.

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