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Mr Daniel SIN  
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1 Legislative Council Road  
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Dear Mr SIN,

### **Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**

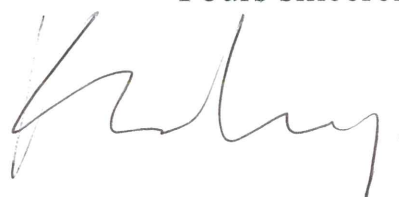
Thank you for your letter addressed to Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development dated 12 March 2018. The said letter has been referred to Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) for reply which is set out as follows.

The “Charter of Radio Television Hong Kong” stipulates that RTHK is editorially independent. As a government department and a public service broadcaster, RTHK always deals with editorial and programme matters internally and independently. The Director of Broadcasting (the Director) as the Editor-in-chief is responsible for ensuring that a system of editorial control in accordance with RTHK’s Producers’ Guidelines is in place to provide accurate, impartial and objective news, public affairs and general programming that inform, educate and entertain the public. As the Editor-in-chief, the Director is responsible for making the final editorial decisions in RTHK and is accountable for editorial decisions taken by RTHK programme producers.

The recent incident regarding the posting of materials on the social media platforms reflected that there was inadequacy in the current mechanism. To minimise possible recurrence, the subject was discussed in an internal meeting in the morning of 8 March 2018. In view of the complexity in the operation of the issues involved, the posting of the materials was frozen in the same afternoon pending a review. A meeting was conducted with Section Heads concerned on 9 March 2018 which concluded that a 2-Tier segregation of duties should be in place for check and balance and all colleagues must strictly follow. After formulation of the above-mentioned mechanism, the posting of materials on the social media platforms resumed normal in the midday of 9 March 2018.

RTHK will dutifully and conscientiously observe the obligations of a public service broadcaster in accordance with the “Charter of Radio Television Hong Kong”.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ka-wing', written in a cursive style.

( LEUNG Ka-wing )  
Director of Broadcasting

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