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Mr Daniel SIN  
Clerk, Legislative Council Panel on  
Information Technology and Broadcasting  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Centre, Hong Kong

Dear Mr SIN,

**Complaint against the Display of the National Flag and  
the Regional Flag by Radio Television Hong Kong**

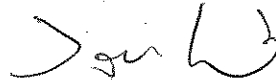
Thank you for relaying the views of a member of the public on Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau on 11 May. The letter has been forwarded to RTHK, and our reply is as follows:

As a public service broadcaster, RTHK abides by the Charter of RTHK and has always been striving to promote understanding of our community, our nation and the world through accurate and impartial news. The photos RTHK News used to display the national flag and the regional flag have complied with the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, and the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance (the Ordinances).

The photos of "Example 1" and "Example 2" in the letter from the member of the public are the originals, where no colour grading nor post-processing and editing is involved. While for the photo of "Example 3", the colour grading applied on the base photo is an effect (the technical term is Transparent Blur effect) commonly used in printing and visual media, in order to emphasise the importance of the words, such that the audience can focus on the textual information.

Besides, RTHK has always observed the Government's prevailing guidelines in displaying the national flag and regional flag which meet the specifications as stated in the Ordinances; and conducted regular inspections to ensure that the flags are clean and in good condition.

Thank you.



(YIP Koon-lam)  
for Director of Broadcasting

c.c. Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development  
(Attn.: Mr Keith GIANG)