

CEDB responds to media enquiries on complaints about RTHK programme "Headliner"

In response to media enquiries regarding complaints about the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) TV programme "Headliner", a spokesman for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said today (February 18) that the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) has received more than 200 complaints about the programme since February 15. OFCA is following up on the case.

The Charter of RTHK stipulates that RTHK must adhere to the editorial principles of being accurate and impartial in the views it reflects. The overall programme production and editorial stance of RTHK should fully demonstrate the public purposes specified in the Charter.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development has urged RTHK to strictly abide by the Charter to provide public broadcasting services. As RTHK's Editor-in-chief, the Director of Broadcasting is responsible for making the final editorial decisions in RTHK and accountable for editorial decisions taken by RTHK programme producers. RTHK is also committed to complying with its Producers' Guidelines during the process of programme production.

As for the complaints against the RTHK programme, OFCA will give an account to the public after carrying out necessary follow-ups.