

Appendix A

HK Television Entertainment Company Limited (“HKTVE”) has committed that on top of the programme requirements stipulated under its current domestic free television programme service (“free TV”) licence, HKTVE would fulfil additional programme requirements when the proposed transmission arrangement comes into effect as follows –

- (a) English channel¹ – HKTVE would start to provide a 17-hour English channel daily without two loops of eight hours each by 31 March 2017;
- (b) Children’s programmes² – HKTVE would start to broadcast an additional one hour daily of children’s programmes on the Chinese channel. On the English channel, HKTVE shall gradually increase the amount of children’s programmes by an additional one hour daily by 31 March 2019;
- (c) Documentary programmes³ – HKTVE would start to broadcast, on the English channel, 30 minutes per week of documentary programmes which are to be wholly of Hong Kong origin by 31 March 2019;

¹ HKTVE is required under its current free TV licence to provide a 16-hour English channel in two loops.

² HKTVE is required under its current free TV licence to broadcast one hour daily of children’s programmes on each of the Chinese and English channels.

³ HKTVE is required under its current free TV licence to broadcast one hour per week of documentary programmes on each of the Chinese and English channels, of which 30 minutes per week of such programmes on the Chinese channel should be wholly of Hong Kong origin.

- (d) Subtitling service⁴ – HKTVE would provide Chinese subtitles for all drama programmes carried on the Chinese channel. English subtitling would be gradually extended to all programmes broadcast between 8:00 pm and 11:30 pm on its English channel by 31 March 2019; and
- (e) Programmes produced by Radio Television Hong Kong (“RTHK”)⁵ – HKTVE would start to broadcast 2.5 hours per week of programmes produced by RTHK on the Chinese channel by 1 April 2017.

⁴ HKTVE is required under its current free TV licence to provide subtitling service incrementally as follows –

- (a) on the Chinese and English channels, subtitling for all news, current affairs, weather programmes and emergency announcements;
- (b) on the Chinese channel, Chinese subtitles for programmes shown between 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm; and
- (c) on the English channel, English subtitles for two hours per week of programmes with educational value targeting teenagers.

⁵ HKTVE was not directed to broadcast RTHK programmes under its current free TV licence as the Government considered that, given its use of a fixed network for transmission of its free TV service and its achievement of territory-wide coverage on a step-by-step basis, HKTVE would not be able to meet the largest possible audience in the first few years of operations and would unlikely provide any significant gain in the household reach capability of RTHK programmes.