

## Press Releases

Discussion on control of obscene and indecent articles review  
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People are invited to take part in a public discussion forum tomorrow (December 8) to give views on the review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance.

The forum, to be conducted in Cantonese, will be held at Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Road, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

On October 3, the Government launched the first round of public consultations on a comprehensive review of the ordinance. Town hall meetings and focus group discussions are organised to widely engage all parts of the community to help shape measures to improve the regulation of obscene and indecent articles distributed over various media platforms.

The consultation covers all main issues relating to the operation of the ordinance and a wide range of areas for public discussion. These include the definitions of "obscenity" and "indecent", the adjudicating system, the classification system, regulation of new forms of media, enforcement, penalties, and publicity and public education.

A similar discussion session will be held at the Hong Kong Space Museum on January 16, 2009.

Apart from joining the forums, people can share their views on the subject in an online discussion forum available on the consultation website at [www.coiao.gov.hk](http://www.coiao.gov.hk). They can also send their comments to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau by mail to 2/F Murray Building, Garden Road, Central; by fax to 2511 1458; or by email to [info@coiao.gov.hk](mailto:info@coiao.gov.hk). The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2009.

For details of the forums and a consultation booklet of the review, please visit the consultation website.

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