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First round of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance review consultation to end soon

People are encouraged to send in their views on the review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance before the first round of public consultation ends on January 31.

On October 3, 2008, the Government launched a four-month consultation on a comprehensive review of the ordinance 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.

Comments can be sent 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. A consultation booklet and relevant materials are available on the dedicated website at www.coiao.gov.hk. The public can also share their views at the online discussion forum on the website.

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