

Talks and Workshops on Promotion of Filtering Software Requirements of Contents (2009 – 2010)

Part 1: Talk on Promotion of Filtering Software

A talk on promotion of filtering software must cover the following contents:-

I. Introduction to the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (COIAO)

1. Scope of control

2. Classification of articles

- Class I (neither obscene nor indecent articles) may be published without restriction.
- Class II (indecent articles) must not be published to persons under the age of 18. The following warning notice should be displayed on the home page of a website:

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- Class III (Obscene articles) is prohibited from publication.

3. Judicial and Enforcement Agencies: the Obscene Articles Tribunal (OAT) is part of the Judiciary which has exclusive jurisdiction to determine the classification of an article, whereas the enforcement agencies include Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority, the Hong Kong Police Force as well as the Customs and Excise Department. Articles suspected to be in breach of the COIAO will be submitted to the OAT for classification before prosecution against the suspect is made.

II. The Internet

- On the Internet, children and youngsters may be exposed to indecent and obscene materials which may have a negative impact on their mental health. They may also be tempted to forward these materials to their peers and become criminally liable in breaching the COIAO.
- Advice to parents

III. Introduction to filtering software

- Importance of filtering software
- Major functions of filtering software

Part 2: Workshop on Promotion of Filtering Software

A workshop on promotion of filtering software must cover the following contents:-

I. The functions and use of filtering software

- Setting contents filtering functions
- Permitting and blocking websites
- Viewing and setting online activities report

II. Setting filtering software

- Setting parent/administrator account
- Setting youth/children account

III. Installing filtering software

- Installation steps
- Steps to update the settings of filtering software