

Hong Kong Bar Association

Press Statement

1. The Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”) refers to the continuing operation of the Citizens’ Radio notwithstanding the injunction granted by The Honourable Mr. Justice Fung.
2. The HKBA appreciates that the debate surrounding this matter raises issues of multiple dimensions. As the professional body of one of the two branches of the legal profession, the HKBA would like to address the legal aspect of this matter.
3. Respect for the law is a core value of Hong Kong and is of fundamental importance to the maintenance of the rule of law.
4. An injunction, once granted, is and remains a court order and must be complied with unless and until it is discharged or set aside. A litigant who disagrees with a court order must still comply with it and, if he thinks fit, may appeal against it. A litigant should not act in breach of a court order on the ground that it should not have been applied for or should not have been granted in the first place. Equally, a litigant should not take the law into his own hands even if he thinks that it is unfair or unjust. Any party who feels aggrieved by a court’s decision should make use of the due process of the law to raise whatever challenges he wants.

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