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Dear Editor,

The article “Hong Kong media must 'embrace' new laws: public broadcaster told” (10 June) contains errors and misunderstandings.

Dr Eugene Chan Kin-keung is not “Chairman” of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). He is the Chairman of the RTHK Board of Advisors. The Board advises the Director of Broadcasting (DB) on matters pertaining to editorial principles, programming standards and quality of RTHK programming. DB is the Editor-in-chief of RTHK and responsible for making the final editorial decisions in RTHK.

RTHK is both a public service broadcaster and a government department. The public purposes and mission of RTHK have been clearly specified in the Charter of RTHK (Charter), which includes engendering a sense of citizenship and national identity through programmes that contribute to the understanding of our community and nation, and promoting understanding of the concept of "One Country Two Systems". RTHK must fully abide by the Charter and they must handle all programmes in a professional and vigilant manner as required.

With regard to the national security law for Hong Kong, it will only target acts of secession, subversion, terrorist activities as well as activities interfering with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region’s internal affairs by foreign or external forces. The law will not change the high degree of autonomy enjoyed by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or affect the independent judicial power exercised by the Judiciary in Hong Kong. Citizens will continue to enjoy the legitimate rights and freedoms. The fundamental strengths that underpin Hong Kong’s success as an international city, including the rule of law, an independent judiciary, free and open society and level playing field will remain intact.

Yours sincerely,  
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