

Press Release

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## **Hong Kong Cable TV surrendered its pay TV licence**

Hong Kong Cable Television Limited (“CABLE TV”) today announced, in view of the rapidly changing media landscape in Hong Kong and fierce competition among global paid content providers and pay TV operators, it has submitted an application for the surrender of the Domestic Pay Television Programme Services Licence (“Pay TV licence”) to the Government (the “Application”) and has been granted approval today. After the surrender of the Pay TV licence, CABLE TV’s parent company, i-Cable Communications Limited together with its subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities will continue to provide free tv programme services and other businesses as usual, including broadband telecommunications services, telephony services, network construction and mobile services. CABLE TV’s talents and resources can be more flexibly utilised and invested in the aforementioned business developments.

CABLE TV expects to terminate its pay TV broadcast on 1 June, 2023. CABLE TV will handle the arrangement of existing subscribers’ Pay TV service and related matters as appropriate. CABLE TV will use its best endeavour to ensure customers can continue to enjoy watching both pay TV and free TV channels before the licence is surrendered. After the surrender of the Pay TV licence, CABLE TV will continue to take measures to ensure the reception of the existing free TV channels by the public is unaffected.

Customers may choose to keep the existing TV set-top box and their accessories; CABLE TV will provide guidance and recommendations on their handling. For those vulnerable groups such as the elderly, CABLE TV will take steps to provide direct assistance. CABLE TV will also set up collection points for customers who wish to return the TV set-top boxes and their accessories for recycling purposes.

CABLE TV will begin to notify customers on the details of service termination and arrangements through various channels such as email, company website, Facebook, text messages, letters and monthly statements. Multiple channels for inquiries will be provided, and the details of the arrangements are available at the following link. [<https://csweb.cabletv.com.hk>]

To show appreciation for our customers’ continuous support, from 15 February to 31 May 2023, CABLE TV will make available 10 premium channels including entertainment, movies, kids and documentary genres to all residential pay TV customers.

CABLE TV would like to express its heartfelt thanks to all our viewers for their continuous support, and hope our audience will continue to support the three free TV channels under i-CABLE Communications Limited (stock code: 1097): Channel 76 Hong Kong International Business Channel, Channel 77 HOY TV and Channel 78 HOY Infotainment.

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