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Statement of the Hong Kong Internet Service Providers Association (HKISPA)

In response to legal proceedings commenced by record companies to compel ISPs to release personal data of Internet users, HKISPA has consulted all her members, which consist of most ISPs in Hong Kong, and would like to share the following collective statement:

HKISPA does not condone or encourage the use of Internet access services for unlawful purposes. At the same time we are committed to respect the rule of law and Hong Kong residents' legitimate right to privacy under the laws of Hong Kong. Third parties requesting ISPs to conduct data matching and disclosure of personal data should base such request on solid and verifiable evidence, fully abide by the laws of Hong Kong, respect privacy rights of Hong Kong residents, provide reasonable advance notice to ISPs, scope the request sensibly so as to not unduly prejudice or create undue inconvenience, and such third parties must undertake to be fully responsible for all costs and damages attributable to such requests.

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