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[Information] NCC Urges for Amendment of 《Children and Youth Welfare Act》 Allowing for Internet Monitoring [Information] NCC Urges for Amendment of 《Children and Youth Welfare Act》 Allowing for Internet Monitoring (Chinese Version)

CNA & PTS (2011/08/15) National Communications Commission (NCC) urges that the amendment of Children and Youth Welfare Act could pass its third read as soon as possible so that NCC could obtain the legal ground for establishing a foundation for censoring and monitoring the webs.

KMT Lawmaker Li-yun CHAO held a press conference on August 15 morning, to which Chair of Broadcasting Contents Department of NCC Ji-sen HO and representatives from the Ministry of the Interior and Criminal Investigation Bureau were invited to attend to discuss the management of children and youth's internet use and the control of improper online contents.

Ji-sen HO said, NCC expected that the amendment of Children and Youth Welfare Act ould pass the the third read as soon as possible so that NCC can establish an internet monitoring foundation like the one established in EU, which can receive the public's reports and censor the information contents from time to time. He added, because of the controversies in some articles of the amended act, the amendment cannot pass the third read yet.

NCC added, the amended act will allow the information system or website providers to take explicit measures for children and youth protection including for instance to expose the identities of the adult contents requesters. Besides, some lawmakers suggested the organizations which have had provided filtering software like Chunhwa Telecom and the Ministry of Education, to cooperate on the development and promotion of the relevant resources and reduce the service price.

Lawmaker LI-yun CHAO suggested, since some articles in the amended act need further deliberation, we can think about the option to pass the non-controversial parts first.

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