

## **Housing Channel**

### **Title: Protection from Unfair Trade Practices**

TV station staff      Hello, Sir

                                 I'm from the TV station

                                 and introducing HD digital TV to residents

                                 on behalf of the Housing Department

                                 I'll also check your TV set for free

Grandad                Okay. Come on in

TV station staff      Thank you

                                 Sir, when broadcasting switches to HD TV later

                                 you won't be able to receive programmes on this TV set

Grandad                What? What can I do about it?

TV station staff      Don't worry. If you register for pay TV

                                 you'll get dozens of free and pay channels

                                 We are doing a special now

                                 You'll only pay \$30 a month

Grandad                I see...let me think it over

TV station staff      This offer won't last

                                 Give me your ID card and I'll register for you

Grandson              Hi, Grandad. I've come on another visit to see you

                                 Hey, what's going on?

Grandad                This young man is registering me for pay TV

                                 so I can watch HD programmes

Grandson              Who says you must get pay TV to do that?

                                 How can you trick elderly folks this way?

                                 What's wrong with you!

TV station staff I just said that pay TV offers more channels  
Anyway, \$30 is a bargain  
Why don't you think it over?  
I'll make a move now. Bye

Grandson Look Grandad, this offer is only for 3 months  
After the first 3 months, you'll pay over \$100  
And the contract is for 18 months

Grandad What! Is it really so expensive?  
But is it true I can't watch TV if I don't sign?

Grandson Of course not

Super All TV sets can receive the following free channels:  
TVB Jade aTV Home TVB Pearl aTV World

VO Nowadays, analogue and digital TV  
are broadcast simultaneously  
Older TV sets can still receive free TV  
The Housing Authority has fitted all its estates  
with digital broadcast receivers  
If you want to watch free HD TV  
you must buy a decoder  
or change to a HD TV set with a built-in decoder

Grandson As for installing paid TV  
that depends on your own needs and means

Super If you see door-to-door salespersons  
inform the security guard

VO Always read a contract carefully before signing  
It's best to discuss it with your family first

Remember, don't show your ID card

or sign your name casually

Also, the HA doesn't commission salespersons

including staff of pay TV stations

or decoder salesmen

In short, don't open your door to strangers

Grandson

I'll buy you a decoder later

and you can watch more TV programmes

how about that?

Grandad

That's great! You're such a good grandson!

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Beware of unfair trade practices

Do not sign contracts casually