

# What I think about the Scandal

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The sex photo scandal has rocked the city for weeks since hundreds of photos had been uploaded on the internet and seen by thousands of netizens globally. To me, albeit the scandal being exaggerated and over magnified by the mass media, it has nevertheless revealed some truth in the city we are living in various aspects.]

The scandal has shown the dark side of the entertainment industry, how some artists really behave once off-stage. Let us take Gillian Chung, who has been a teen idol for years, for example. All the while she has successfully established such a healthy and innocent image amongst the youngsters before the incident happened. Being exposed so explicitly in the scandal simply and totally contradicts such a chaste, sweet image. Teens might then have a twisted idea of what should be done when they grow up, especially when their idol's real behaviour seems otherwise.

The scandal has also shown the grey areas and boundaries in Hong Kong, especially about restrictions on the internet and the definitions in differentiating between "indecent" and "obscene" photos. The I.T. world has advanced so much faster than the rules, laws and regulations our government could have passed and implemented prior, which are there to help protect our identity as internet users.



The danger and abusive usage of the internet have also been unfolded in such a scandal. The internet, if used positively and correctly, can serve to provide ample information for avid learners. It also helps to cross barriers amongst countries by means of email, while Blogs provide free space for us to openly express our opinions. However, the improper usage of the internet seems more prevalent nowadays. It readily shows how massive the harm can be by the malfeasance taken place on the internet.



This scandal may have affected youngsters' moral standard and behaviour. So I think parents and teachers should best treat this as a counter example to explain things and guide them through it. Grown ups may also grasp this opportunity to let the young generation express their

opinions on the scandal and discuss openly about how they feel about their own idols, and other doubts / queries / displeasures... etc that might have ensued from such disgraceful and dishonourable conduct.