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NEXT MEDIA LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00282)

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Next Media Limited (the “Company” and together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) has been informed that the Secretary for Justice has applied for an order of committal against the Company's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Apple Daily Limited in its capacity as proprietor and publisher of *Apple Daily*, and against Mr. Cheung Kim Hung in his capacity as editor of *Apple Daily*, for contempt of court in respect of the publication of an article in *Apple Daily* and a video clip respectively on 20 March 2013, relating to a suspected double homicide case. The Secretary for Justice has also applied for an order of committal against the Company's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Sharp Daily Limited in its capacity as proprietor and publisher of *Sharp Daily*, and against Mr. Li Pang Kay in his capacity as editor of *Sharp Daily*, for contempt of court in respect of publication of an article in *Sharp Daily* on 20 March 2013 relating to the same suspected double homicide case. In addition, the Secretary for Justice has applied for leave to institute committal proceedings against two reporters of the Group relating to the same subject matter.

As a strong proponent and protection of freedom of press, the Company expresses its disagreement at the institution of these proceedings. The Company objects to any alleged wrongdoing on the part of the Group or its staff and has assisted all parties concerned to seek legal representation to protect their rights and to defend in these proceedings. The Company will closely monitor the development of these proceedings and make further announcement(s) if and when necessary in respect of any material impact which these proceedings may have on the operations of the Group.

By Order of the Board
Cheung Ka Sing, Cassian
*Executive Director and
Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 8 August 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Lai Chee Ying, Jimmy (Chairman)
Mr. Cheung Ka Sing, Cassian
Mr. Ting Ka Yu, Stephen
Mr. Ip Yut Kin

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Fok Kwong Hang, Terry
Mr. Wong Chi Hong, Frank
Dr. Lee Ka Yam, Danny