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The Stories Told and Untold: Two Mainland-Hong Kong Citizenship Issues (Re) presented by RTHK Programmes

The former British colony and now special administrative region of China, Hong Kong has witnessed frequent influxes of mainland immigrants. In the recent decade, two mainland-Hong Kong citizenship issues have emerged. On the one hand, the mainland-born children of Hong Kong citizen are striving for their right of abode in Hong Kong that entitles them to equal education and job opportunities. On the other hand, an increasing number of mainland parents are having their children born in Hong Kong to acquire Hong Kong citizenship. These two issues have been heatedly discussed and debated in daily and media discourses, the former being depicted with increasing sympathy while the latter televisually absent. This paper aims to examine the (re)presentation of these two issues in programmes of Radio and Television of Hong Kong (RTHK) and analyze their differences shaped by various mechanisms and ideologies with a focus on the construction of cultural citizenship.