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## Answers T needed on hockey bill row

YOUR report on the subject of bills outstanding in respect of the Hongkong Hockey Association Golden Jubilee Hockey Tournament (SCM Post, July 8) dismayed and puzzled me. As a past president of the HKHA, permit me to raise three questions.

Your report states, inter alia, that the Excelsior Hotel presented a bill for \$557,000 and that Mr Krishan Lall presented an Excelsior Hotel bill for \$376,000. I would be pleased to know which of these is correct and who is responsible for the discrepancy?

Your report further states that a solicitor's letter, sent on behalf of the Excelsior Hotel to the HKHA, claims unpaid bills of more than \$140,000. If Mr Lall's Excelsior bill is correct, then this solicitor's letter should not have been sent to the HKHA but to the individual(s)/organisation(s) responsible. Was this solicitor's letter incorrectly addressed?

In the event that it is proved that the HKHA is in fact liable for this latter sum, surely repayment can be made from the US\$20,000 (about HK\$156,000) due from HKTVB for filming rights for the tournament. Has HKTVB paid this sum to the HKHA?

Hopefully, when these questions have been answered, this matter can be put to rest.

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