

Abstract

Local correspondents of Taiwan's satellite news channels constitute a unique category of their own. Except for Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung, the metropolitan areas, local correspondents, responsible for covering news stories for their respective counties, work as cameramen and reporters at the same time.

Due to time and space constraints, they devise a strategy to fulfill designated jobs and overcome the challenges. They nonetheless are both exploited by overtime working practices and feel vulnerable to organizational demands. As its consequence, they formulate a casual but reliable network to scratch one another's back.

In addition, they develop a game of making-out, including a reduction of outputs...etc... The daily-working practice of local correspondents is such that its culture chips away spaces for developing a professional news production ethics

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