

## **Abstract**

Prior studies had theoretically and empirically distinguished the two kind of parental controls and evidenced the effects of behavioral control and psychological control in adolescents' externalizing and internalizing problems. As male and female were so dissimilar in their characteristics, some differences had also been found between paternal and maternal control. The current study aimed at examining the relationship of parental controls and internet addiction, an emerging problematic behaviors among adolescents in the world, with the consideration of paternal and maternal differences. The sample included 150 Hong Kong college students, collecting the data of degree of behavioral control, psychological control and diagnosis of internet addiction. The result showed that only maternal psychological control is correlated with Internet addiction, maternal behavioral control, paternal psychological control and paternal behavioral control were found to be in significant. Depression also proved to be positively correlated with Internet addition.