



TRAINING WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY AND LAW

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COMPETITION LAW
AND POLICY

Jointly organised by:

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition, India; Foundation for Effective Markets and Governance, Australia; International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition, India; Board of Trade, Thailand; and The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand



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The Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Background

The Asia Pacific region has been the most dynamic and fastest growing region in the world, until the outbreak of the Asian financial crisis in 1997. After this difficult and volatile period, several countries in the region have responded to the emerging challenges of globalisation and economic development by embarking on a new process of deeper integration while committing themselves to an open market orientation.

The flip side of this process is the potential for trade restriction and distortionary practices by the newly empowered enterprises; anticompetitive practices of large foreign companies and investors, which can have trans-border dimension; and setting of protective rules by politically powerful vested interest dominant groups. Consequently, countries need to develop effective legal systems to encourage and oversee increasingly competitive business activities in the region.

Currently, some 27 countries in the region have enacted a relatively full-fledged competition law. All developed countries in the region like Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Israel, and some developing countries such as India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka have a reasonably long history of a competition regime, while some other are yet to adopt a comprehensive set of legal provisions to deal with restrictive business practices (for instance, Cambodia, Nepal, Myanmar, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei Darussalam). Besides, the implementation record in Asian Countries with a competition law is extremely poor or just at the infant stage (for example, the case of Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, and Singapore). The capacity to appreciate the necessity of such law and policy, as well as to understand and implement it properly is still absent.

It is in this context that CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC), has teamed up with Foundation for Effective Markets and Governance (FEMAG); International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition (INCSOC); Board of Trade (BOT); The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT) to offer this three-day customised training programme for representatives of relevant stakeholder groups in the region.

Objectives

- Develop analytical capacities to comprehend Competition Law related issues
- Develop an understanding on compliance and procedural issues
- Understand the expected role of different stake holders and groups in order to ensure competitiveness of markets and accelerate economic growth

Content

- *Overview of Competition Policy & Law and Economic Regulation*
- *Introduction to Competition Analysis*
- *M&A Regulation in Competition Law*
- *Restrictive Practices (Horizontal Agreements / Vertical Agreements)*
- *Abuse of Dominance*
- *Competition Law and IPRs*
- *Competition Law and Sectoral Regulation*

Teaching Method

- The programme will combine lectures, case studies, group exercises, discussions and self-assessment exercises to develop a clear understanding among participants

Resource Persons

The resource persons for the training programme comprise eminent experts, practitioners and academicians in the field of Competition Law

Patrick Krauskopf

Director, Swiss Competition Commission (COMCO)

Sitesh Bhojani

Barrister and Consultant, former Commissioner of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

Deunden Nikomborirak

Research Director, Economic Governance, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

John Preston

Consultant on Competition Policy, Private Sector Policy Department, DFID

S. Chakravarthy

Consultant on Competition Policy; former member, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission of India

Philippe Brusick

Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, UNCTAD

Malathy Knight John

Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies

Who should attend

Chief Executive Officers, Directors of Trade Associations and Executives who play a role in corporate strategy to comply with competition law

Course Fees

The fees will be Baht 12,500 per participant. Payment is required with registration. The last date for registration is June 7, 2006.

See Programme Schedule on our website for the latest.

Venue

The Ambassador Hotel Bangkok

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How to Apply

Please fill in the attached Registration Form and send it together with payment to the Board of Trade (BOT), sooner the better. Seats are limited.

For further information, please contact:

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