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Competition Commission Presents Inaugural International Conference *The Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2018*

The Competition Commission (Commission)'s first-ever international conference, *The Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2018* (CompEx), commences today. More than 250 representatives from businesses, the legal community, government departments, academic institutions as well as overseas competition agencies gather to exchange best practices and experiences on competition law and policy.

Over the next two days, the conference will present six insightful panels on a wide range of important and trending competition topics. These include adjudication of competition cases, the fostering of a competitive culture, a review of the Hong Kong competition regime and the development of China's Anti-monopoly Law. There will also be discussions on the role of competition in spurring innovation as well as the significance of collaboration specifically for young competition jurisdictions. Speakers comprising globally renowned academics, judges, practitioners and enforcers as well as business leaders will provide insights, not only from the Hong Kong standpoint, but also from regional and international perspectives.

Ms. Anna Wu, Chairperson of the Commission, said, "A robust and sustainable competition regime must keep evolving to stay relevant. This makes international exchange and cross-sector cooperation essential."

"Approaching the third anniversary of the full commencement of the Hong Kong Competition Ordinance, this conference has provided a timely avenue for Hong Kong to draw knowledge and experience from others and promote collaboration across sectors and jurisdictions. It will also reinforce our commitment to facilitating the development of competition law expertise amongst the local legal fraternity."

Mr. Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, said, "Despite its short history, the Commission has achieved several milestones, including taking a number of anti-competitive cases to court. The Commission is also playing an increasingly active role internationally, sharing its experience with other countries. I am grateful for its commitment to safeguarding the competitive heart of Hong Kong."

In keeping with the conference's mission to "Connect – Collaborate – Cultivate", the Commission is also launching today a brand new "Competition Exchange" platform (www.compex.org) – a dedicated website aiming to host the latest thinking and a pool of practical tools and resources across jurisdictions on various competition topics.

In addition to research reports, academic papers and publications, this online hub also features a compilation of excellent videos produced by different jurisdictions, which explain competition-related topics in an engaging manner. With a user-friendly and interactive design, this open and dynamic platform will serve as a one-stop portal where local and international netizens who are interested in competition-related issues can tap as a valuable resource centre.

Further information on the conference is available on the CompEx website at hkcompex.org.

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The Competition Commission launched a brand new one-stop online portal “Competition Exchange” today. Officiating guests included (from left to right):
Ms. Eliza LEE Man-ching, Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce, Industry and Tourism), HKSAR
Mr. Paul CHAN Mo-po, Financial Secretary, HKSAR
Ms. Anna WU Hung-yuk, Chairperson, Competition Commission