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Competition Commission and Education Bureau conduct inaugural training course on competition law for secondary school teachers

The Competition Commission (Commission), in collaboration with the Education Bureau, conducted an inaugural training course today introducing the Competition Ordinance (Ordinance) to secondary school teachers in Hong Kong. The initiative aims to equip teachers with the necessary knowledge in teaching the subject to students. Around 280 teachers, teaching subjects including Economics, Life and Society, and Citizenship and Social Development, have signed up to participate in this online course. The Commission also announced the re-launch of the "Cartel Hunters – Learn more about the Competition Ordinance" teaching kit tailor-made for senior secondary school students, with a view to encouraging more schools to adopt the teaching kit.

Today's training course was presented by Dr Gary Shiu, Executive Director (Policy & Advocacy) of the Commission, and Mr Vincent Wong, Head of Investigations of the Commission. The presentations gave the audience a deep dive into the main provisions of the Ordinance and its latest implementations, together with discussion on various enforcement cases.

Dr Shiu emphasised the importance of instilling the idea of fair competition in the minds of the youth to better prepare them for their future careers or entrepreneurial pursuits. "Educating the younger generation about the value of competition is an integral part of our advocacy work, and we are committed to providing teachers and schools with the necessary support. Through today's training, we hope our teachers can gain a deeper understanding of the Ordinance and the cases, making it easier for them to impart this knowledge to their students," he said.

During the event, the Commission's representative also introduced the teaching kit soft launched earlier, which includes a docudrama in two episodes adapted from a real-life competition law case, along with PowerPoint slides and worksheets designed to assist teachers in explaining the topic and testing students' understanding. A teacher with experience using the kit said: "The teaching kit delves into the 'Ordinance' in a clear and engaging manner, with the docudrama being notably gripping. Students were highly engaged while watching it, fostering enthusiastic discussions. I highly recommend the kit to other schools." Schools that have not yet registered can do so now on the registration website.

Separately, the Commission's "Post to Compete" Social Media Advocacy Challenge 2024 is now open for registration. Secondary school students from Form 3 to Form 5 are invited to participate in teams to create Instagram posts promoting the Ordinance, with the chance to win scholarships and job shadowing opportunities. For further details and registration, please read the <u>poster</u>.
