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Competition Commission and HKU Business School co-organise 2023 Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit

The Competition Commission (Commission) and HKU Business School are co-organising the second edition of the Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit (Summit) on 10-11 August 2023 to foster the exchange of ideas and experiences on competition issues in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as to provide opportunities for academic institutions and competition law enforcement agencies to strengthen their collaboration and partnership.

Building on the success of the inaugural summit in 2019, this year's event brings together more than 100 leading scholars and senior enforcement officials from 12 Asia-Pacific economies to exchange their insights and experiences, with a focus on the latest developments in competition law and policy in the region. A wide range of topical competition issues will be discussed in the seven sessions over the next two days, which include challenges arising from the digital economy, the interplay between competition law and environmental sustainability, enforcement regarding resale price maintenance arrangements, and the use of data screening for investigations. The occasion offers a unique opportunity for competition enforcers to tap into the expertise and creativity of the academic community, while scholars will gain a deeper understanding of the practical challenges faced by enforcers in the field.

Officiating at the opening ceremony today, Mr. Algernon Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, said that under the “One Country, Two Systems”, Hong Kong has the distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world. He is pleased that the Commission is leveraging Hong Kong's distinctive advantages in bringing together experts and scholars from both the Mainland and overseas to harness their objectivity, wisdom and creativity, fostering exchanges for betterment in the area of competition. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will continue to render full support to the Commission in further fostering collaboration with competition agencies in the Mainland and overseas.

Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Commission, said, “The Commission would like to extend a warm welcome to leading academics and enforcers from the Mainland and overseas who are joining the Summit. Our objective in co-organising the Summit with HKU Business School is threefold: to gain insights into the experiences of competition enforcers across the region; to leverage the expertise of renowned academics; and to strengthen relationships among our peer enforcers. Through fostering cross-border exchange and collaboration, the Commission aims to enhance its role in bolstering competition enforcement and contributing towards formulation of competition policy in the region.”

Professor Hongbin Cai, Dean and Chair of Economics of HKU Business School, said, “HKU Business School is immensely proud to co-organise this Summit with the Competition Commission, staging one of the most significant events in this area after three years into the pandemic. The collaboration between the two parties not only ensures our theoretical and empirical research informs competition

policy in a real-world context and allows enforcers to tap into a wealth of knowledge and studies, leading to better policy outcomes, but also allows enforcers' sharing of cases and best practices to inspire academics to conduct practical and impactful research.”

The Commission and HKU Business School would like to register their thanks to the Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, the City University of Hong Kong School of Law, the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, the Lingnan University of Hong Kong Department of Economics and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Department of Economics, whose faculty members and students have contributed a lot to the various panel discussions as speakers, moderators or participants.

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Photo 1:



(From left to right) Professor Hongbin Cai, Dean and Chair of Economics of HKU Business School, Mr. Algernon Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, and Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Competition Commission officiated at the opening ceremony today.

Photo 2:



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