

Opportunities and Challenges for Competition Agencies- Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos

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Opportunities

- 1) New Agencies with responsibility for market competition and economic development
- 2) Easy to adopt and adapt to the changes



New Agencies with responsibility for market competition and economic development

- ❑ Key roles as the institutional drivers for economic development
- ❑ Utilize authoritative power- Competition protection and promotion
- ❑ Market investigation
- ❑ Cooperation with government agencies on economic policy
- ❑ Cooperation with sectoral regulation for regulation on infrastructures sectors
- ❑ Helping smoothing the process of disruption and competition
- ❑ Power to fight for competition for overall market efficiency and increase of productivity
- ❑ Power to dealing with collusion, rigging, corruption



Easy to adopt and adapt to the changes

- ❑ Agile institution
- ❑ New staffs with new knowledge's on market competition
- ❑ Independency with adaptable approaches



Challenges

- 1) Political influence
- 2) Lack of staffs and lack of expert
- 3) Lack of understanding on procedural rules and investigation
- 4) Short of financial support
- 5) Lack of coordination with sector regulators
- 6) Lack of public recognition



Political influence

- Authoritative order and influence on the Competition Commission
- Facing with high political influence agencies
- Dealing with corporates with connection to government agencies
- Potential conflicts with government agencies- unchanged rules and policy



Lack of staffs and lack of expert

- Shortages of economists on industrial organization
- Shortages of lawyers who have specialization on law and economics
- Shortages of investigators



Lack of understanding on procedural rules and investigation

- Legal action requires legal procedural rules
- Competition Agencies with focus on enforcement lacks of understanding legal procedural rules
- No previous case action in the court



Short of financial support

- Small amount of annual budgets
- No self-funding like other government agencies
- No other sources of income



Lack of coordination with sector regulators

- Authoritative barriers between agencies
- No communication with sectoral regulators
- SOEs with political influence



Lack of public recognition

- No advocacy strategy
- Lack of interest from media
- Lack of courses on competition in economics faculty
- Lack of courses on competition in law faculty



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