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Competition Commission and Lingnan University Co-organises Inaugural Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit

The Competition Commission (Commission) and the Centre for Competition Policy and Regulation of Lingnan University co-organised the **2019 Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit** (Summit) on 1-2 August to foster idea and experience-sharing on competition issues, as well as to discuss ways and areas in which academic institutions and competition law enforcement agencies can strengthen partnership and collaboration.

Bringing together 45 distinguished scholars and enforcers from 13 jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region, the Summit provided a platform for discussions on how competition law academics and enforcers can mutually benefit from effectively leveraging each other's knowledge, expertise and resources. To cater for jurisdictions of different maturity stages, the Summit presented sessions on wide-ranging topics including the inception and institutional design of a new agency, the development of a robust enforcement track record and effective policy initiatives and conducting advocacy work in the context of the digital economy. Participants from different jurisdictions also shared success stories on partnership and collaboration between academics and enforcers.

In opening the Summit, Ms. Anna Wu, Chairperson of the Commission, said, "The Commission believes firmly in the need for competition authorities and academics to work together, and that this benefit can be further enhanced when they do so across borders. We hope this summit can act as a forum in which new partnerships can be forged and old partnerships strengthened whether to help solve existing problems or do new exciting things in the competition law community, to the benefits of both consumers and businesses."

Following the launch of the "Competition Exchange" international conference and the corresponding online portal last November, this inaugural Summit is part of the Commission's ongoing commitment to fostering exchange of expertise and experience as well as collaboration across jurisdictions.

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The Competition Commission and Lingnan University co-organised the inaugural *Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit*.



Ms. Anna Wu, Chairperson of the Commission, delivers an opening remark at the *Competition Enforcers and Academics Summit*.