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Competition Commission publishes Annual Report 2021/2022

The Competition Commission (Commission) today published its Annual Report 2021/2022, providing an overview of its work and achievements during the reporting year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

During the year, the Commission received and processed 235 complaints and escalated 17 cases which warrant further assessment to the Initial Assessment phase. Where the Commission has reasonable cause to suspect a contravention of a conduct rule under the Competition Ordinance, it will proceed to the Investigation Phase. During the period, the Commission has commenced investigation in 6 cases. Three new cartel cases were filed in the Competition Tribunal, which were about the sale of mail inserters, procurement of cleaning services for public housing estates, and the sale of tourist attractions and transportation tickets respectively.

As the Commission continued its efforts in safeguarding a level-playing field for consumers and businesses in Hong Kong, it broke new grounds and saw a number of “firsts” in its enforcement work during the year. Among them was the first joint operation with the Police regarding a suspected cartel and related criminal activities in a building maintenance project tender exercise. Also for the first time, the Commission openly invited information from the public for investigations concerning online food delivery platforms and the passenger car repair market. Both new enforcement strategies have brought welcoming results.

On the advisory front, competition-related advice was provided to the Government and public bodies on dozens of public policies and initiatives. In-person training and webinars were conducted to enhance policymakers’ abilities in carrying out competition impact assessment during policy formulation process.

Despite the pandemic, the Commission continued to reach out to businesses and stakeholders in different sectors by organising around 50 engagement events in either physical or online format. It also carried on its momentum to roll out advocacy campaigns in raising public awareness and fostering a pro-competitive culture across the community.

A summary of the Annual Report 2021/2022 and the full version are now available on the Commission’s website (<https://www.compcomm.hk/>).
