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## **Competition Commission and Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation co-publish Competition Compliance Manual for Businesses in Guangdong and Hong Kong**

The Competition Commission (Commission) and the Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation (GDAMR) today co-published the *Competition Compliance Manual for Businesses in Guangdong and Hong Kong* (Manual). The Manual will assist businesses in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), especially small and medium-sized enterprises, to gain an understanding of the competition law regimes in Hong Kong and Guangdong, take corresponding measures to enhance their internal risk assessments and strengthen their ability to comply with the law.

With the regional integration of the GBA and the deepened cooperation that has been taking place, exchanges and interactions between Hong Kong and the Mainland cities have become increasingly frequent, and economic activities in the area are growing exponentially. While a growing number of local firms are seeking opportunities in the Mainland, many Mainland companies are engaging in cross-border businesses with Hong Kong within their ambit. Given the Mainland and Hong Kong are two distinct jurisdictions with different competition law regimes, relevant businesses need to be aware of and understand respective laws to ensure compliance.

Towards this end, the Commission and the GDAMR, based on their past experiences in enforcement and advocacy, jointly compiled the Manual to introduce the Competition Ordinance in Hong Kong and the Anti-monopoly Law in the Mainland to the business community in an easy-to-understand manner. Apart from explaining the key elements of the laws, their enforcement mechanisms and consequences of contraventions, the Manual also features competition law case studies from both jurisdictions and provides recommendations to businesses to facilitate their compliance strategies.

Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Commission, said, “To support the national strategy of developing the GBA, the Commission has been in close communication with the Guangdong competition authority and together we have established an effective framework for cooperation on competition policy and law. In particular, the Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the GDAMR in July 2023 to strengthen cooperation between the two authorities in the advancement of competition policy and law in the area.

The joint publication of the Manual by the Commission and the GDAMR today marks a significant step forward in our collaboration on competition advocacy. The Manual not only helps businesses in the GBA understand the two competition law regimes, it also enhances the effective implementation of competition policies and laws in the area. This will in turn level the playing field for businesses and help bring ample development opportunities to the ultimate benefit of all businesses, consumers and the society as a whole.”

The English, traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese versions of the Manual are available on the Commission's website at [www.compcomm.hk](http://www.compcomm.hk). (View the Manual [HERE](#))

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