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Competition Commission announces appointment of Chief Executive Officer

The Competition Commission (Commission) announced today (29 April 2021) the appointment of Mr. Rasul Butt as its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a term of three years commencing 3 May 2021. The appointment was made after a global recruitment exercise to identify a suitable candidate for the post.

Mr. Butt joined the Commission in April 2015 as Executive Director (Corporate Services & Public Affairs), and was appointed to the position of Senior Executive Director in July 2016 overseeing the policy advisory, advocacy and corporate functions of the Commission. Since late November 2020, he has been delegated the powers and responsibilities of the CEO of the Commission upon the departure of the former CEO, Mr. Brent Snyder. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Butt spent more than 16 years at the Urban Renewal Authority, Hong Kong, where his last position was General Manager (Corporate Planning).

Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Commission, said, “I am delighted that Mr. Butt will be taking on the role as the first local CEO of the Commission. Mr. Butt has been a crucial member of the executive team who has made significant contributions to various aspects of the Commission’s work over the past six years. With his proven leadership skills, extensive experience in promoting competition policy and law in Hong Kong, solid international competition network and an unrivalled understanding of the Commission’s operations, I am confident that he will be able to lead the Commission’s executive arm in continuing its mission of safeguarding market competition in Hong Kong through effective law enforcement, policy advisory and advocacy.”

Commenting on his new appointment, Mr. Butt said, “I am most honoured to be appointed to the position of CEO of the Competition Commission and I am grateful for the trust bestowed upon me by the Chairman and Members of the Commission. I look forward to working closely with them and the Commission staff in my new role, and furthering my contribution in bringing the many benefits of a level-playing field to the Hong Kong community.”

In his new role as CEO, Mr. Butt will lead the work of the executive team and divisions in areas including investigations and enforcement, legal services, economics, policy advisory, advocacy and corporate services.

Mr. Butt obtained his Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, followed by Master of Laws (Public Law) from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn) and the Hong Kong Bar.

(Photo attached)

Photo caption



Mr. Rasul Butt