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## Competition Commission hosts Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025 Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of competition law enforcement in Hong Kong

The Competition Commission (Commission) is hosting the Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025 on 25-26 February 2025, a flagship international conference aimed at providing a forum for candid discourse and experience sharing on how competition law and policy can foster innovation which is widely recognised as an important driver of economic growth. Close to 400 representatives from businesses, the legal community, government departments, academia as well as competition law enforcers and experts from around the world gather to exchange perspectives and insights. The event is also one of the Commission's initiatives to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of full implementation of Competition Ordinance in Hong Kong.

Featuring eight panel sessions, topical issues ranging from competition and innovation in Hong Kong's pillar business sectors (aviation, finance, technology and green transition), updates of China's Anti-Monopoly Law to challenges in investigating and adjudicating cases in innovation-driven markets will be discussed. Over 30 speakers from 14 jurisdictions, comprising global industry leaders, top judges, regulators, competition law experts and scholars, will share their views from both local and international perspectives.

Officiating at the opening ceremony today, Mr. Algernon Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development said that, being the freest economy in the world, a level playing field for business is one of the important ingredients contributing to Hong Kong's success. The HKSAR Government appreciates the Commission's relentless efforts over the years in establishing a robust competition regime for Hong Kong, and is pleased to see its various achievements. The Government will continue to support the Commission's work.

In opening the conference, Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Commission, said, "With its unique historical background, Hong Kong has long acted as a connector between East and West, integrating and leveraging on the best ideas from both. In doing so, Hong Kong has exemplified the value of open markets, innovation and competition, demonstrating that economic success stems from allowing businesses to thrive or adapt based on their own merits, rather than shielding them from competition."

"Focusing on 'how to use competition and innovation to drive economic growth', the conference over the next two days offers an invaluable platform where a diverse set of perspectives from both the private and public sectors, as well as from different jurisdictions across the globe can be heard and shared. The exchange is also a timely and meaningful avenue for Hong Kong to promote dialogue across sectors and jurisdictions as it welcomes the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Competition Ordinance coming into full force in the city."

Further information on the event is available at compex.hk.

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## **Photo captions:**



(From right): Mr. Rasul Butt, Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission,
Mr. Samuel Chan, Chairman of the Competition Commission,
Mr. Algernon Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, and
Ms. Maggie Wong, Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development officiating at
the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025



Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hong Kong's competition law coming into full force: officiating guests at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025, alongside Ms. Anna Wu, founding Chairperson of the Competition Commission (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Ms. Rose Webb, former Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission (1<sup>st</sup> from left)