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Competition Commission Announces Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

The Competition Commission (CC) announced today (21 July) the appointment of Dr. Stanley Wong as Chief Executive Officer with effect from 3 September 2014.

Dr. Wong has close to 30 years of competition law related experience. Dr. Wong commenced private legal practice in 1984 in Canada and advised on all aspects of competition law including cartels, anti-competitive unilateral conduct, mergers and private actions. He also acted as counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, appellate and trial courts and the Canadian Competition Tribunal.

In 2006 Dr. Wong was appointed a Member of the Competition Authority in Ireland and was responsible first for civil enforcement and then mergers. After his five-year tenure as a Member, Dr. Wong started up his own law practice in Canada to provide advisory services to competition authorities, courts and tribunals around the world including Singapore, Malaysia, United Kingdom, European Commission, Colombia, South Africa and Canada.

At present, Dr. Wong leads the European Commission projects to provide capacity building technical assistance to the Chinese competition authorities (Ministry of Commerce - MOFCOM, National Development and Reform Commission - NDRC and State Administration for Industry and Commerce - SAIC), as well as to the Competition Commission of India. Over the years, Dr. Wong has actively participated in the work of Competition Committee of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Competition Network (ICN). He was also a co-chair of the ICN Merger Working Group.

Ms. Anna Wu Hung-yuk, Chairperson of the CC, said, "I extend my warmest welcome to Dr. Wong who brings with him a wealth of international experience in regulatory and litigation work related to many aspects of competition law and policy. His proven leadership and expertise in the field will be invaluable and his timely appointment is important as we move towards the milestone of the guidelines development and consultation, which is critical to the full implementation of the Ordinance."

Dr. Wong said, "I am excited to join the Competition Commission in Hong Kong and to take on the challenge and the opportunity to contribute to the efficient operation of the organization and the effective implementation of the Competition Ordinance in Hong Kong. I very much look forward to working closely with the members and staff of the Commission."

In his role as Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Wong will lead the work of the executive team and divisions in areas including investigations and enforcement, general counsel, economic advisory, public affairs and corporate services.

Dr. Wong has two degrees in economics, B.A. (Simon Fraser) and Ph.D., (Cambridge) and a law degree, LL.B. (Toronto).

About Competition Commission

The Competition Commission is an independent statutory body established to enforce the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) (CO), which was enacted in June 2012. The objective of the CO is to prohibit conduct that prevents, restricts or distorts competition, and mergers that substantially lessen competition in Hong Kong. The scope of the application of the merger rule is limited to carrier licences issued under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106).

*Attached please find the biography of Dr. Wong.

Biography of Dr. Stanley Wong



Dr. Stanley Wong, a Canadian lawyer, provides advice on competition law enforcement and competition policy exclusively to competition authorities and governments around the world. From 2006 to 2011, he served as a Member (commissioner) of the Competition Authority (Ireland). In this capacity, he was responsible for civil enforcement (2006-2009) and mergers (2009-2011). He represented the Authority in consultations by the European Commission on enforcement cases and policy initiatives under the European Competition Network. He frequently participated in the work of the Competition Committee of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Competition Network (ICN). He served as co-chair of the ICN Merger Working Group.

Since 2011 to present, he is advising or has advised competition authorities, courts and tribunals around the world including: Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, United Kingdom, European Commission, Croatia, South Africa, Colombia and Canada. He has served as an advisor to the United Nations of Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy and the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation. He currently leads the European Commission projects to provide capacity-building technical assistance to the Chinese competition authorities (Ministry of Commerce - MOFCOM, National Development and Reform Commission - NDRC and State Administration for Industry and Commerce – SAIC) and to the Competition Commission of India. He serves as an ICN non-government advisor for the Canadian Competition Bureau and European Commission (DG COMP).

He was previously head of the competition law practice of the leading Canadian law firm, Davis LLP. He practiced principally through the firm's Vancouver and Toronto offices. From 1999 to 2004, he served as the founding managing partner of the Toronto office. In his private practice, he advised on all aspects of competition law regarding anti-competitive agreements (cartels), anti-competitive unilateral conduct, mergers and private actions. He also acted as

counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, appellate and trial courts and the Competition Tribunal. He is a past chair of the National Competition Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association. He was recognised as a leading competition lawyer by independent guides such as Chambers Global, Global Competition Review and Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.

He is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and British Columbia and as a solicitor (non-practising) in England and Wales.

Before entering the practice of law, he was an associate professor of economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He has two degrees in economics, B.A. (Simon Fraser) and Ph.D. (Cambridge) and a law degree, LL.B. (Toronto).