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~ Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia ~

1 Overview

The purpose of this project is to build capacity in the area of competition policy by better utilizing the accumulated APEC knowledge and expertise on competition policy, which will contribute to the implementation of “APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform” and “Structural Reform.”

The proposing economies (Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia) plan to hold short-term training course in the field of competition policy once a year from 2005 to 2009.

2 Report on Training Course in 2005 (CTI03/2005T)

The first APEC Training Course on Competition Policy was held on August 2-4, 2005, in Manila, the Philippines. Sixty three experts from fourteen member economies and international organizations such as OECD and UNCTAD made active discussions and exchanged their views on competition policy and law.

It was conducted in the form of plenary sessions and break out sessions (small group meetings). In the plenary session on the first day, as a starting point of small group discussion, two university professors made their keynote speeches regarding the following themes;

(1)Theme of Group 1: “Abuse of Dominant Position”

(2)Theme of Group 2: “Organization and Function of Competition Agencies”

After the keynote speeches, participants were divided into two small groups so that all participants in different stages could acquire the full benefits from the training course. In the break out sessions, participants made active discussion following their presentation in each small group.

3. Report on Training Course in 2006

Proposal for the second Training Course on Competition Policy was approved by BMC in August, 2005. It will be held in Thailand in 2006 under the tentative themes of “Mergers” and “Capacity Building for Effective Enforcement”. The details, including dates of the holding, will be determined in due time.

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