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It is a pleasure and privilege for Chinese Taipei to report on the progress made in maintaining the APEC Competition Policy and Law Database (hereinafter referred to as “the Database”).

I. Introduction

According to the collective actions in the Osaka Action Agenda, “APEC economies will gather information and promote dialogue on and study ... the objectives, necessity, role and operation of each APEC economy’s competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures, thereby establishing a database on competition policy, ...” The APEC economies have thus collectively recognized the importance of information availability in the implementation of competition policies and laws. This information gathering exercise provides an opportunity for economies to share experiences and to exchange views on the complex issues of competition policy and law. Thus, on January 27, 1997, the APEC member economies accepted an offer from Chinese Taipei to set up the “APEC Competition Policy and Law Database” on regional competition laws and policies. In May 1999, Chinese Taipei announced the completion of the Database for public access at the Competition Policy Workshop (which was renamed the “Competition Policy and Deregulation Group”).

The completion of this Database demonstrates the close cooperative relationship that exists among member economies for the accomplishment of the first section of the collective actions in the Osaka Action Agenda. Not only does the Database enhance the dialogue and study among the member economies, but it also enables private firms and non-governmental organizations, including academic organizations and business enterprises, to retrieve valuable information in order to facilitate regional trade and investment.

II. The Fulfillment of the Establishment and Maintenance of the APEC Competition Policy and Law Database

Since our last report to the CPDG, the Database has been updated periodically by some of the member economies during the past year. We would especially like to thank the relevant agencies in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Russia and Vietnam for their contributions in terms of providing documents and information so as to make the Database comprehensive. Besides, attached you will find that most categories of the 21 member economies' pages in the Database have been established right from the beginning until now. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those member economies that have kindly cooperated and contributed to us by providing related documents and information so as to make the Database comprehensive in promoting transparency in regional competition policy and laws.

Today, we are pleased to once again emphasize that we have built and maintained a complete competition database covering the whole of the APEC geographic area that is available for public access. We request that all member economies continue to support the Database by updating the information periodically. Currently, some member economies are initiating their competition laws and some are revising or drafting their laws. This information is crucial to the dialogue among member economies and the business community. We would therefore like to encourage each member economy to submit updated information for inclusion in the Database at their earliest convenience, so that the Database will provide the most up-to-date and valuable information to the users. Meanwhile, we would like to request that all APEC member economies retrieve valuable information from the Database and that they publicize this information to serve as valuable reference for the private sector, scholars and experts.

III. Implementation Plan for the Maintenance of the Database

We would like to emphasize again that only through periodical updates is the Database able to help share experiences and exchange views on competition policies and laws and hopefully increase transparency in regard to competition matters. We encourage all member economies to continue forwarding to us the required information and documents regarding the Database. We also sincerely hope the Database will continue to be improved and that its operation will contribute to the region's economies.

Regarding the current establishment status of the Database, please refer to the attachment for your reference. For those member economies with less than complete

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categories on their own page, we would like to encourage you to send us the relevant information by e-mail as soon as it becomes available.

To keep enhancing the value and contribution of the Database, we welcome any further comments and suggestions you may have with regard to the Database. Please feel free to contact us by e-mail at the following address: apecsys@apeccp.org.tw.

ANNEX

APEC Competition Policy and Laws Database
A Checklist on the 14 related subject contents of 21 economies

	Policy Statement	Competition Policies/ Laws	Organizational Structure	Administrative Procedures	Decision Guidelines	List of Publications and Subscription Details	Q & As	Decision s of Administrative or Quasi-Judicial Agencies	Judicial Cases	International and/or Bilateral Cooperation Arrangements	List of Academics and Specialists	Issues Related to Competition Laws	Statistical Data	Announce -ment
Australia	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Chile	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	None	V	None	None	None	None
Indonesia	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	V	None	V	V	V
Malaysia	V	V	V	V	None	None	V	None	None	None	None	V	None	None
Papua New Guinea	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	V	None	None
Russia	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	V	V	None	V	V	V
Thailand	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	None	None	None
Brunei Darussalam	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	V	None	V	None	None

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People's Republic of China	V	V	V	None	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	V	V	None
Japan	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Mexico	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Peru	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Singapore	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
United States of America	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Canada	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Hong Kong, China	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	V	V	None
Republic of Korea	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	V	V

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New Zealand	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Republic of the Philippines	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	V	V	V	V	None
Chinese Taipei	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Vietnam	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	V	V	V	V	V

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