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APEC Training Program on Competition Policy

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APEC Training Program on Competition Policy ~Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia~

1 Overview

The main objective of the APEC Training Program on Competition Policy is to implement "APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform", mainly focusing on competition policy issues. This project, consisting of a series of five training seminars, was originally proposed by Japan at the 13th APEC Ministerial Meeting in 2001, and has been/will be co-organized by host economies, including Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia, given the support and cooperation of CPDG, SELI and BMC, as a TILF project. With full consideration of the diversity of competition institutions and development stages among the APEC region, a wide range of topics have been/will be covered through the exchange of information, views and experiences among competition policy experts from all member economies.

2 Schedule

| Seminar | Date | Host | Venue | Theme |
|---------|---|----------|---------|--|
| First | August 6 th to 8 th , 2002 | Thailand | Bangkok | 1 Competition Advocacy 2 Capacity Building for Effective Enforcement |
| Second | March 25 th to 27 th , 2003 | Vietnam | Hanoi | 1 Developments in CompetitionPolicy/Law2 Cartels, Abuse of DominantPosition and Mergers |
| Third | Autumn, 2003 | Malaysia | TBD | TBD |
| Forth | Spring, 2004 | TBD | | TBD |
| Fifth | Autumn, 2004 | TBD | | TBD |

3 The Second Seminar in Hanoi, Vietnam,, from March 25th to 27th, 2003

The specific themes to be discussed are:

- (1) Developments in Competition Policy/Law
 - Regulation of Cartels, Mergers and Monopolies in Respective Economies, especially Best Practices
 - International Cooperation and Compliance in Anti-competitive Regulation
 Enforcement
- (2) Cartels, Abuse of Dominant Position and Mergers
 - Effective Enforcement, focusing on Detection, Investigation and

Prosecution Measures

- Case Studies and/or Investigation Simulation

The General Information (GI) which describes the details of the seminar has been circulated through CPDG and SELI contacts. Wide participation from APEC member economies will be greatly welcomed.

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