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Summary Report on the Updating of the APEC Competition Policy and Law Database

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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.

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 the last report to the CPDG, the Database has been updated periodically by most member economies in the last year. Attached you will find that most categories of

the 21 members economies' pages in the Database have been established from the beginning till now. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those member economies that have kindly cooperated and contributed to us in terms of providing related documents and information so as to make the database comprehensive and promote 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 would like to encourage all APEC member economies to retrieve valuable information from the Database and publicize this information to serve as valuable reference for the private sector, scholars and experts.

III. Implementation Plan for 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 on 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 status of transmission, please refer to the attachment for your reference. For those member economies with less than full categories on their own page, we would like to ask you to send us the relevant information as soon as it becomes available.

We welcome your further comments and any suggestions with regard to the Database. Please feel free to contact us at our e-mail address: apecsys@apeccp.org.tw.

ANNEX

APEC Competition Policy and Laws Database

A Checklist about the 14 related subject contents of 21 economies

	Policy	Competition	Organizational	Administrative	Decision	List of	Q &	Decisions	Judicial	International	List of	Issues	Statistical	Announcement
	Statement	Policies/	Structure	Procedures	Guidelines	Publications	As	of	Cases	and/or	Academics and	Related to	Data	
		Laws				and		Administr		Bilateral	Specialists	Competition		
						Subscription		-ative or		Cooperation		Laws		
						Details		Quasi-		Arrangements				
								judicial						
								Agencies						
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	None	None	None	None	None	V	None	None
Papua New	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	V	None	None
Guinea														
Russia	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	None	V	None	None	V	None
Thailand	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	None	None	None
Brunei	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	V	None	V	None	None
Darussalam														

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						Subscription		-ative or		Cooperation		Laws		
						Details		Quasi-		Arrangements				
								judicial		-				
								Agencies						
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People's	V	V	V	None	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	V	V	None
Republic of														
China														
Japan	V	V	V	None	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	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
of America														
Canada	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Hong Kong,	V	V	v	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	v	V	None
China														
Republic of	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	None	V	V
Korea														
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						Details		Quasi-		Arrangements				
								judicial						
								Agencies						
New Zealand	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Republic of	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	v	V	V	V	V	V	None
the														
Philippines														
Chinese	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	v	V	V	V	V	v	V
Taipei														
Vietnam	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	V	V	V	V	v	V

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