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First of all, we would like to express our deep gratitude to all economies for giving us the opportunity to establish the “APEC Competition Policy and Law Database” (hereinafter called “the Database”) on regional competition laws and policies. It is both a pleasure and privilege for us to report the updated progress in maintaining the Database. As a provider of an information resource, it is our honor to contribute significantly to the international community.

I. Brief 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, in May 1997, the APEC member economies accepted an offer from us to set up the “APEC Competition Policy and Law Database” on regional competition laws and policies and make it accessible to APEC member economies and others worldwide through remote access. In May 1999, the Database was officially opened after being approved by APEC. Until now, all APEC member economies have shared the responsibility for updating the information in the Database.

The completion of the Database demonstrates the close cooperative relationship that exists among member economies in terms of 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 and non-governmental organizations, including academic institutions and

business enterprises, to retrieve valuable information in order to facilitate regional trade and investment.

II. The Fulfillment of the Database's Establishment and Maintenance

In the past year, in relation to the Database we have completed the following related tasks:

1.Regarding the 14 Categories of the 21 Member Economies

In particular, we would like to express our appreciation to the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) and Russia's Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia) for their contributions in terms of providing related documents and information so as to improve the availability and evaluation of the Database. In addition, you will find attached the current situation regarding 14 categories of the 21 member economies in the Database until now (Attachment 1). We hereby express our sincere gratitude to all member economies and encourage all of them to continue to kindly cooperate and contribute by keeping on providing the related documents and information regarding the 14 categories so as to make the Database comprehensive and to promote the transparency of regional competition policies and laws.

2.Regarding the Home Page of the Database

To enrich the content and to enhance the usefulness of the Database, we propose that all member economies agree with us to have our CPDG contact list included in the Database in a specially designated section. We expect that the transparency of the contact list can promote a dialogue among member economies on the regional competition laws and policies.

3.Regarding the Upgraded Search Engine Function

To promote the search function of the Database and increase the usefulness of the related information, we upgraded the search engine function of the Database last year. We believe that all users can now rapidly and accurately retrieve the correct information they need from the database. We have also revised the related user manual for reference. Please read the manual before starting your search, and it will increase your search efficiency.

Today, we are delighted to announce that the Database have received a significant response as well as acceptance by the international community. According to our related statistics ([Attachment 2](#)), 88,044 persons visited the Database and 352,681 visits were made during the last year. The statistics remind us that the competition policies and laws have been acknowledged by the international community. So, we

would like 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 encourage all member economies to continue to support the Database by updating the information periodically. Currently, some member economies are probably in the process of initiating their competition laws and some are revising or drafting their laws. The information provided by the Database 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 encourage all APEC member economies to retrieve information from the Database and to emphasize that they should publicize this information to serve as valuable reference.

III. Implementation Plan for the Maintenance of the Database

We would like to emphasize again that only through the long-term updating and building up of the Database can we help share experiences, exchange views, enhance dialogue on competition policies and laws and hopefully increase transparency in regard to competition matters. We encourage all member economies to continue to forward to us the above-mentioned 14 categories of information and documents regarding the Database. We also sincerely hope that the Database will continue to be fulfilled and that its operation will contribute to all regions' 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 categories on their own page, we would like to encourage them 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.

Attachment 1

APEC Competition Policy and Laws Database

【A Checklist on the Current Situation of the 14 Categories for 21 Economies】

	Policy Statement	Competition Policies/Laws	Organizational Structure	Administrative Procedures	Decision Guidelines	List of Publications and Subscription Details	Q&As	Decisions 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	Announcement
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
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

“ V “ means the relevant information has been collected for reference
“None” means there are nothing inside the category of the Database.

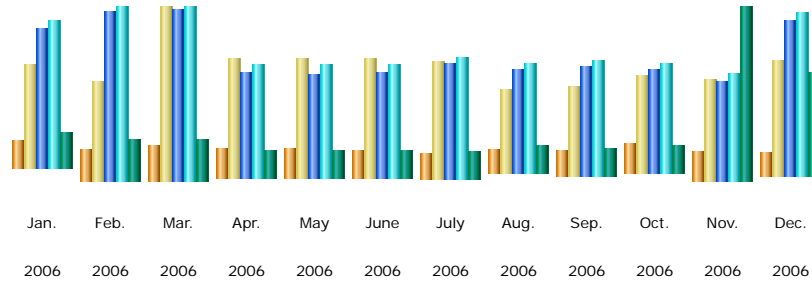
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Mexico	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Peru	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	None	V	V	None
Singapore	V	V	V	V	V	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
United States of America	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Canada	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Hong Kong, China	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
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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Visit Statistics

Jan.- Dec. 2006



Month	Visitors (Unit : person)	Visit time (Unit : time)	Read Front Pages (Unit : page)	Click Times (Unit : time)	Used Memory (Unit : GB)
Jan. 2006	7252	27204	327061	344337	4.88 GB
Feb. 2006	8022	26262	396750	412870	5.93 GB
Mar. 2006	9233	47301	401501	422373	5.92 GB
Apr. 2006	7859	31423	247643	264970	3.80 GB
May 2006	7695	31163	243897	265687	3.78 GB
Jun. 2006	6866	31399	247293	263554	3.72 GB
Jul. 2006	6734	30568	268721	283313	3.93 GB
Aug. 2006	6247	21924	242300	256784	3.70 GB
Sep. 2006	6798	23637	256818	271822	3.93 GB
Oct. 2006	7667	25360	239623	257990	3.82 GB
Nov. 2006	7510	26326	231290	250866	25.46 GB
Dec. 2006	6161	30114	364912	384241	14.45 GB
Total	88044	352681	3467809	3678807	83.33 GB