

## **Report of the Committee on Competition Law 2016**

The Committee on Competition Law has done less work than the year before, mainly because much work had to be done in 2015 to prepare for the commencement of the Competition Ordinance (Cap 619) on 15 December 2015.

In 2016, the Committee on Competition Law assisted the Bar Council in co-organizing with the Competition Commission the commencement of the London secondment scheme under which selected Members of the Hong Kong Bar are each given the opportunity of secondment in one of two leading sets of barristers' chambers in London with specialization in competition law. The first batch of four Members were selected and then completed their stints in London in October 2016. Some of them shared their experiences in a talk on 13 December 2016.

Many Members have also wished to learn more about competition law and issues that may give rise to competition law concerns. Members of the Committee who have teaching positions in the local universities also briefed Members of the Bar in the same talk of 13 December 2016.

As the Competition Commission has completed investigation in more than 100 complaints or cases by the end of 2016, it is expected that some of them will be ready for litigation before the Competition Tribunal in 2017. The Committee on Competition Law will monitor these and other developments, such as exemptions and advisory measures, and organize talks in 2017 to keep Members of the Bar informed of matters of law, policy, procedure and practice in competition law in Hong Kong.

One project that the Committee on Competition Law have spent time on in 2016 is the production of a relatively reader friendly book in Chinese of Hong Kong competition law. This project has slowed down recently though it is hoped that the younger members of the Committee can innovate and contribute more.

Another multi-pronged project that the Committee on Competition Law is looking for public funding is a programme of teaching and exchange involving invitations to well known teachers of competition law to come to Hong Kong and exchange trips to jurisdictions in the Asia region to compare notes with the regulators and legal practitioners there. The Committee hopes to share some good news with Members of the Bar in 2017.

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