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Bills Committee on Competition Bill
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Hong Kong

AND

Ms Linda Lai
Deputy Secretary for Commerce & Economic Development (Commerce and Industry)
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2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
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Re: Hong Kong Trade Development Council ("HKTDC")
- Exemption from the proposed Competition Bill ("the Bill")

Apart from being the Chairman of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors and the Deputy Managing Director of COSCO Pacific Limited, I am personally writing to urge for your reconsideration of granting exemption to HKTDC from being a statutory body governed by the Bill.

The purpose of the government's competition policy is to enhance economic efficiency and the free flow of trade through promoting sustainable competition to bring benefits to both the business sector and consumers. And the objective of the Bill is to prohibit and deter undertakings in all sectors from adopting abusive or other anti-competitive conduct which has the object or effect of preventing, restricting and distorting competition in Hong Kong.

Being a member of the HKTDC China Trade Advisory Committee from 2005-2009 and a member of the HKTDC Asian Financial Forum for 2011 and 2012, HKTDC and I have been working closely with and I trust HKTDC, as a non-profit organization, is in-line respectively with the aims of the government's competition policy and the Bill mentioned above.

Thousands of exhibitions and trade fairs organized by the HKTDC throughout these years are definitely essential tools for enhancing our competitiveness and economic development here in Hong Kong. HKTDC has not only been assisting Hong Kong SMEs to successfully promoting their

business, products and services but also introducing the same from the Hong Kong SMEs to the consumers and enterprises from overseas.

Therefore, I truly value HKTDC's tremendous efforts in establishing an efficient platform for SMEs and I hereby express my support for HKTDC's current position to pursue its public mission in its existing modus operandi, as laid down in the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Ordinance 1966.

Thank you for your time for consideration. Feel free to contact the undersigned at +852 2809 8130 should you have any queries.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Wong', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kelvin Wong