

**CB(1)664/11-12(08)**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to urge for your reconsideration of having the HK Trade Development Council ( aka TDC) exempted from the "Competition Bill".

TDC has long been reputed to assist different HK industries to successfully promoting their business through various activities. TDC has organized exhibitions and trade promotion events for the industries. TDC has also provided trade information by their professional research team and initiated a lot of programs in order to help HK industries to get in touch of the world. Obviously, TDC has been doing an excellent job in organizing exhibitions. HK as well as overseas companies have been benefited from it. This bilateral effect has been applauded by the industries, especially by HK SME's that use TDC as a resource to build up their connections and businesses with other countries.

We don't see TDC monopolizing the exhibition business in HK as TDC provides a total service that other organizers cannot match. Also TDC organizes only about 30% of the major exhibitions in HK, while the rest is shared by other organizers. If TDC falls into the "Competition Bill", we would concern very much about future service provided by TDC and cost of joining exhibitions organized by other companies would be higher for us.

It is also absurd to see that an entity would be penalized for having done a good job, such as the case of TDC if she falls into the "Competition Bill". Thus, I urge for your reconsideration of having TDC exempted from the "Competition Bill".

Yours Truly,

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