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Bills Committee on Competition Bill  
Legislative Council  
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To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs,

Since 1966, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (therein after "HKTDC") has been providing a wide range of services, including trade fair, online sourcing, product magazines, business matching in promoting trade business among Hong Kong-based manufacturers, traders and service providers.

HKTDC being one of the world's major trade fair organizers has organized more than 30 world-class fairs each year. In jewellery industry, the world's second largest jewellery fair, *Hong Kong International Jewellery Show* is being organized by the HKTDC and held in the HKCEC every February or March. To support the SMEs in jewellery industry, HKTDC has always given SMEs the first priority in matters related to trade show fees and promotion to prospective buyers.

As you may recall, during the economic tsunami of 2008, HKTDC allocated more than HK\$1.2 hundred million to support local SMEs, including inviting overseas buyers to visit the trade fairs in HK. The HKTDC being a statutory body in Hong Kong, exists no matter what the economic situation is. Its main remit is to promote trade & industry in Hong Kong. During these tough times, it has help SMEs by creating business opportunities and promoting business activities for local enterprises.

I noted that the proposed Competition Bill will be passed very soon; I am very concerned that the HKTDC will be covered under this Bill, I believe this will be detrimental to local companies as it will deny SME's being able to participate in future exhibitions and trade shows or at the very least, make it prohibitively expensive for most local enterprises to take part.

Therefore, I strongly urge your office to re-examine the issue and exempt the HKTDC from the Competition Bill. By doing so, the playing field will be made leveled for all companies in Hong Kong, for the greater prosperity of all.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

  
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