

Bills Committee on Competition Bill
Legislative Council
1 Legislative Council Road, Central,
Hong Kong

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Conditional Exemption for Trade Development Council in the Competition Ordinance



On behalf of MCMIA (Modernized Chinese Medicine International Association), I'd like to express our support for the Conditional Exemption for Trade Development Council (TDC) in the Competition Ordinance regarding the organization of exhibitions and conferences.

It is well known that TDC has been a positive force in supporting and promoting Hong Kong's SME and emerging industries. One of the means is to organize exhibitions and conferences for fledging industries such as publication, tea, wine, etc.

In our particular case, it is Chinese medicine. MCMIA has collaborated with TDC to organize the annual ICMCM (International Conference & Exhibition of the Modernization of Chinese Medicine & Health Products). As the Hong Kong government has yet to set a policy for the development of Chinese medicine, no official funding could be obtained from the government. In the past 10 years, TDC has generously contribute its exhibition/conference organizing know-how and some funding in support of this activity which otherwise would not have been sustainable.

As a beneficiary of TDC's support, we fully support the granting of a Conditional Exemption for Trade Development Council (TDC) in the Competition Ordinance regarding the organization of exhibitions and conferences.

Yours truly,

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