

Bills Committee on Competition Bill

c/o Clerk to Bills Committee (Attn: Ms Michelle Lee)

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Written Submission to Bills Committee on Competition Bill

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2012. Please refer to our paper to the Panel on Commerce and Industry of the Legislative Council in April 2010 submitted to the Bills Committee on the Competition Bill in November 2010 and July 2011.

As mentioned on p.24 of the paper, over the past years, when our executives went on overseas trips to proactively market AsiaWorld-Expo to overseas exhibition organisers to discuss about bringing new shows to Hong Kong, they all indicated that they would only bring new shows to Hong Kong if they are reassured that there is a level playing field for the private sector to develop in Hong Kong against the background of the lion's share of the public-sector organiser in the market. This is also confirmed by industry experts and reflected in industry consultancy reports.

In view of the above, we hope that the upcoming Competition Bill should address the key issues and concerns mentioned therein with a view to achieving a level-playing field, with transparency and accountability for the exhibition industry in Hong Kong. Most importantly, the bill should also eliminate the deterrence for private-sector players and exhibitions coming to Hong Kong in the best interests of both the industry and Hong Kong.

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