

The 18th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy and the 15th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC), together with the Trade Competition Commission of Thailand (TCCT), and the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), will co-host the 18th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy and the 15th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy.

The East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy has been held aiming at strengthening the cooperative relationship among competition authorities through candid exchange of views and information with attendance of the top-level officials from those authorities. Sixteen authorities in the region in total will participate in the Meeting this year.

The East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy is a conference open to public for the main purpose of developing common understanding on importance of competition law and policy in the East Asia region through presentation and discussion among participants, from academia, the legal field, etc. in addition to authorities above.

1. Date:

- (1) The 18th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
- (2) The 15th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy
Wednesday, July 26, 2023

2. Location

Bangkok, Thailand

3. Agenda:

- (1) The 18th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy
 - (a) The Role of Competition Policy in Promoting Environmental Sustainability
 - (b) Challenges and Regulatory Measures for Competition Policy in the Digital Economy
 - (c) Promoting International Cooperation in East Asia: Addressing Cross-border Competition Cases and Safeguarding Consumer Welfare
 - (d) Exploring the Use of Data Screening Tools by Competition Authorities: Techniques, Data Quality, and Investigative Successes
- (2) The 15th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy
 - (a) Advancing Competition through Advocacy: Challenges and Opportunities
 - (b) The Importance of Effective Competition Policy and Laws for the Growth and Success of MSMEs in East Asia's Entrepreneurial Economies

(Appendix)

East Asia Top Level Officials' Meetings and East Asia Conferences in the past

Time	Location	Meeting	Conference
March 2004	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	-	1 st Conference
May 2005	Indonesia (Bogor)	1 st Meeting	2 nd Conference
June 2006	Thailand (Bangkok)	2 nd Meeting	3 rd Conference
May 2007	Vietnam (Hanoi)	3 rd Meeting	4 th Conference
April 2008	Japan (Kyoto)	4 th Meeting	-
June 2009	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)	5 th Meeting	5 th Conference
September 2010	Korea (Seoul)	6 th Meeting	-
September 2011	Singapore (Singapore)	7 th Meeting	6 th Conference
May 2012	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	8 th Meeting	7 th Conference
August 2013	Philippines (Manila)	9 th Meeting	8 th Conference
October 2014	Japan (Tokyo)	10 th Meeting	-
August 2015	Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	11 th Meeting	9 th Conference
September 2016	Korea (Seoul)	12 th Meeting	-
September 2017	Indonesia (Bali)	13 th Meeting	10 th Conference
August 2018	Australia (Sydney)	14 th Meeting	11 th Conference
July 2019	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)	15 th Meeting	12 th Conference
September 2021	Singapore (Online)	16 th Meeting	13 th Conference
September 2022	Philippines (Manila)	17 th Meeting	14 th Conference