

## Conferences on Competition Policy among East Asian Economies

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission and the Ministry of Commerce of Kingdom of Thailand, with the cooperation of Asian Development Bank Institute, will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy on June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Bangkok, Thailand.

The East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy is organized with the purpose of developing a common understanding on importance of competition law and policy in the East Asian region. Its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March, 2004 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held in Bogor, Indonesia in May, 2005.

The Top Level Officials' Meeting is organized with the purpose of strengthening the cooperative relationship among competition authorities/competition related authorities through frank exchange of views and information among the top level officials of competition authorities/competition related authorities. Its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held in Bogor, Indonesia in May, 2005.

This year, fourteen authorities from ASEAN member economies, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Japan and Mongolia will participate in the both conferences.

1. Date: June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
2. Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
3. Participant: Top level officials of competition authorities/competition related authorities in East Asian region(please see Appendix.) As for the East Asia Conference, representatives from industry academia, etc. will also take part in.
4. Organizer: Ministry of Commerce of Kingdom of Thailand and Japan Fair Trade Commission
5. Theme:
  - (1) The 3<sup>rd</sup> East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy
    - (a) Recent development of Competition Law and Policy in East Asian economies
    - (b) Interrelationship between Competition Policy and Development/Industrial Policy
  - (2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy
    - (a) Current situation of technical assistance activities, its evaluations and future needs
    - (b) Strengthening of the cooperation among East Asian economies and approaches towards establishment of more efficient and effective technical assistance mechanism

**Appendix**

## List of participating authority

(alphabetical order)

Economy	Authority
Cambodia	Ministry of Commerce
Chinese Taipei	Fair Trade Commission
Indonesia	Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition (KPPU)
Japan	Fair Trade Commission
Korea	Fair Trade Commission
Lao PDR	National Economic Research Institute
Malaysia	Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs
Mongolia	Unfair Competition Regulatory Authority
Myanmar	Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
Philippines	Department of Trade and Industry and Tariff Commission
Singapore	Competition Commission of Singapore
Thailand	Ministry of Commerce(Office of Competition Commission)
Vietnam	Ministry of Trade