



HONG KONG RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
香港零售管理協會

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(by fax: 2868 4679 & mail)

Dear Sir,

Consultation Paper on Competition Policy

On behalf of The Hong Kong Retail Management Association ("the Association"), I write to present our members' views on the Government's Consultation Paper on Competition Policy, as follows:

1. For the 13th consecutive year, Hong Kong has been recognized by the Heritage Foundation as the World's freest economy. Hong Kong has achieved this world acclaimed success through being a simple and low barrier place to do business. Accordingly, Hong Kong should be wary of becoming a trend follower in enacting the competition policy, which may undermine our core competitive advantages.
2. The Association has always been, and will be devoted to, supporting and advocating fair competition on a level-playing field principle with the prime aim to enhance consumer interests in Hong Kong.
3. The Association maintains that an approach of fostering a business friendly environment for the retail industry and the business sector as a whole is the cornerstone to enhance consumer interests with wider choices at competitive prices.
4. In any discussion about potential new legislation, the Association maintains that the fundamental test should be this: any new law/policy, should it be introduced, must clearly benefit the public at large, while at the same time be conducive to the betterment of the business operating environment of Hong Kong. Any unnecessary

complexity and/or administrative burdens for the Government and the business sector should be avoided.

5. Any potential competition legislation, should it be considered in Hong Kong, should be simple, clear in intent, practical to administer and fair to all.

We earnestly hope that our views would be taken into consideration when the Government reviews the subject.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bankee P. Kwan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bankee P. Kwan
Chairman

c.c. Mr. Vincent Fang, Legislative Councillor, Wholesale & Retail