

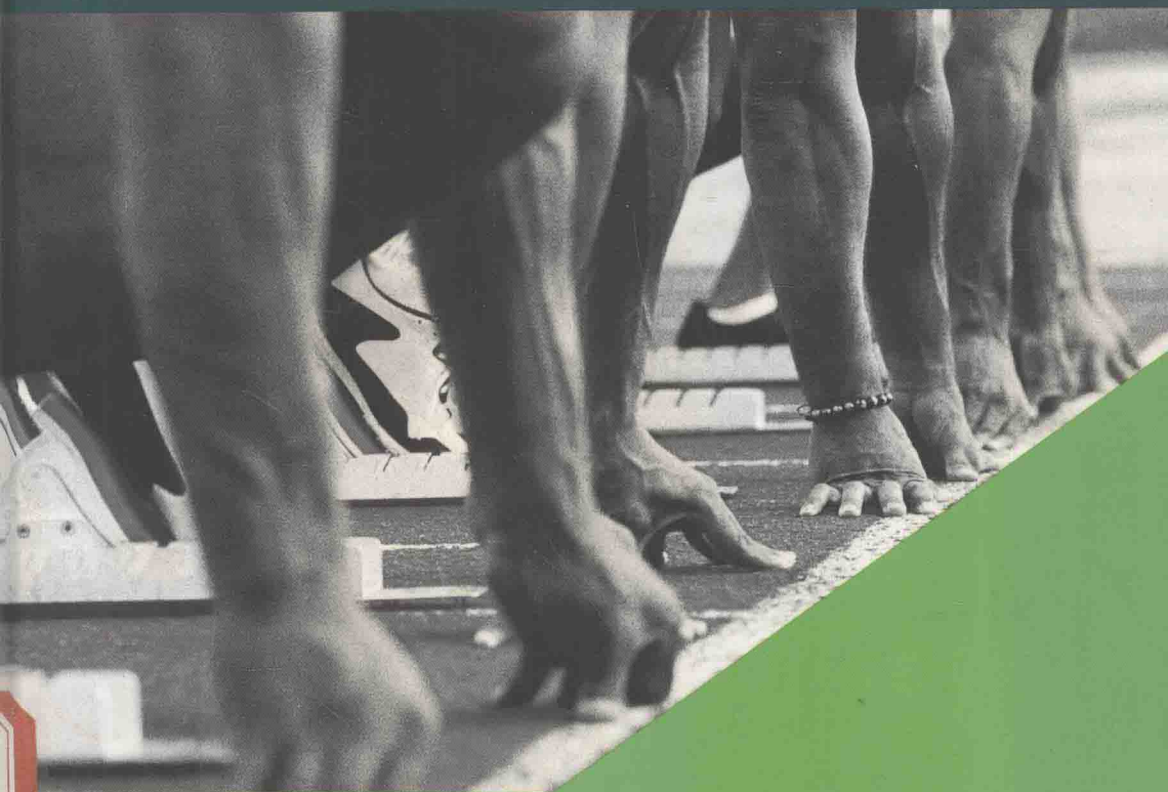


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## **Welcome Remarks**



# Speech at welcome party

*Dr. Tzong-Leh Hwang\**

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: Good evening!

The "Taiwan 2006 International Conference on Competition Laws and Policies" will begin tomorrow morning. And tonight, Taiwan Fair Trade Commission is holding this welcome party especially to express our heartfelt gratitude and most sincere greetings to our distinguished guests from overseas and all the guests present here tonight.

"Maintaining market order, creating an environment of free competition, establishing a good competitive culture, and promoting international exchange of competition laws" has always been the basic philosophy and administrative strategy of the Commission's enforcement of competition law. Since its establishment in 1992, the Commission has achieved quite good results in areas, including the establishment of a fair trade system, enforcement of fair trade laws and regulations, promotion of the fair trade concept, and participation in international exchange and cooperation. Particularly in the field of international exchange and cooperation, besides an active participation in OECD, APEC, and International Competition Network (ICN) activities, the Commission has signed bilateral cooperation arrangements with Australia, New Zealand, and France, and offered technical assistance and capacity building programs to Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Mongolia to set up legal framework on competition. And in order to effectively grasp the developments of international competition laws and policies and learn from the practical enforcement experience of other countries, we have also held 3 international conferences respectively in 1994, 2000 and 2003, all of which elicited very enthusiastic responses.

This year, the theme of this Conference is "the role of competition law and policy in socio-economic development". I hope that the agenda of this two-day event will give our distinguished guests opportunities to contribute their wisdom, experience, and knowledge through the discussion of relevant issues and exchange of ideas. I also hope that participants will provide valuable suggestions to charting the future of competition law and continue to strive for the promotion of international socio-economic growth.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone here tonight for their support of this conference. I hope this party will kick off the conference on a good note. We are honored to be able to entertain you tonight, and, with this toast, we hope that everyone will have a very enjoyable evening and wish you all wonderful memories.

\* Chairman, Taiwan Fair Trade Commission.





# Speech at opening ceremony

*Dr. Tzong-Leh Hwang\**

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning:

First of all, on behalf of the Taiwan Fair Trade Commission, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our domestic and foreign guests. We are honored that you have taken time away from your busy schedules to participate in the “Taiwan 2006 International Conference on Competition Laws and Policies” held by this Commission. We sincerely thank all of you for attending and lending us your enthusiastic support.

It's been fourteen years since Taiwan's Fair Trade Law was implemented in 1992. According to human growth experience, the age of fourteen is a key period for self-identity and personality development, while learning from and sharing experience with others. The Fair Trade Commission has similarly learned from international experience throughout the legislative, legal amendment, and enforcement process, and is continuing to share its enforcement experience with other countries. After more than 14 years of enforcing the law, we are also facing a key period of repositioning and transformation. Especially in this time of economic globalization and trade deregulation, how to appropriately position competition law and policy and adjust their contents are issues not just for Taiwan, but for much of the world. Because of this, Taiwan has accepted an OECD peer review of its competition law and policy at the OECD Global Forum on Competition in February this year. It is hoped that this peer review will help us find the most suitable positioning of competition law and policy in Taiwan's future socio-economic development. I would again like to thank the OECD and many of you here today for your support and valuable comments during the review process. Furthermore, our purpose in holding this conference with the theme of “the role of competition law and policy in socio-economic development”, and inviting domestic and foreign experts and specialists to attend, is to make this event a forum in which we can discuss the role and positioning of competition law and policy in regional and global socio-economic development.

This conference spans two days in duration. On the morning of the first day, a 30-minute keynote speech has been arranged and we have asked the representatives of the competition law authorities of the United States, New Zealand, and Taiwan to give presentations. After this, the conference will proceed in 5 sessions. Each session will be arranged with 4 to 5 papers presentations for discussion and a total of 21 papers will be presented. The first session will address the topic of “international trends in competition policy”, the second will address “competition and regional

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