Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition (KPPU) 10th Anniversary Event: The Indonesian Conference on Competition Law and Policy

The Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition (KPPU) – with the support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and several organizations – will hold “The Indonesian Conference on Competition Law and Policy” on June 9 – 10, 2010 at the Bali Dynasty Resort in South Kuta, Bali. This international conference will be held as a part of series of events commemorating the 10th anniversary of KPPU, which falls on June 7, 2010. The purpose of the conference is to increase the understanding of the public and private sectors in Indonesia on the importance of competition law and policy as well as to enhance the knowledge sharing and mutual cooperation among the competition authorities of various countries.

The conference, which is to be opened by the Chairman of KPPU, Prof. Tresna P. Soemardi, will be attended by more than 100 people from various competition law and policy implementing institutions, participating countries of the ASEAN Expert Group on Competition (AEGC), Indonesian academicians and the business actors, as well as related governmental institutions of Indonesia. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC), Prof. Michiyo HAMADA, will deliver the Congratulatory Remarks as well as be the main speaker for the Session I on “Economic Integration and Competition Policy” on the first day of the 2-day conference. Meanwhile, the Deputy Director of International Affairs Division of JFTC, Mr. Ryohei TAKAI, and JICA’s expert for KPPU, Mr. Yusuke SAKURAI, will also attend the conference.

The conference is related to the Competition Policy Project (Phase II), which has been implemented since 2009 as a Technical Cooperation Project between KPPU and JICA with the main purpose of strengthening the organizational and personnel capacity of KPPU in implementing the competition law and policy effectively. The project is a continuation of the Competition Policy Project, which was implemented between 2004 and 2007 as the Government of Japan’s support towards the Government of Indonesia (GOI) in realizing a sustainable growth led by the private sector. As such, it is important for Indonesia to create a fair environment for business competition.

The Indonesian Competition Law, i.e. the Law No. 5 Year 1999 on The Anti Monopoly Practices and Unfair Trade, has been adopted in March 1999 and in the following year, on June 7, 2000, KPPU was established as the authority for the implementation of competition law and policy in Indonesia. Since its establishment, KPPU has made efforts of implementing the Law and providing various recommendations to the government. KPPU’s performance statistic shows that 85% of the cases handled by KPPU are related with bid-rigging behaviors in public procurement. KPPU also handles other cases involving cartel behavior, abuse of dominance, mergers and acquisitions. The effective implementation of the competition law and policy will increase equal accessibility, treatment, and opportunities for all the business actors, while general consumers will benefit through savings in expenses and increased choices in the market. Moreover, as a result of fair competition, the businesses are expected to increase their economic activities’ efficiency and
productivity as well as competitiveness.

Under the on-going “Competition Policy Project (Phase II),” 11 KPPU staffs have taken a 3-week training course (from May 7 to June 3) on “Japanese Competition Law and Policy” in Tokyo. This training is organized by JICA in cooperation with JFTC. Furthermore, various activities such as workshops in Indonesia are provided by the project.

“The Indonesian Conference on Competition Law and Policy,” which coincides with KPPU’s anniversary, is expected to bring more understanding, both domestically and internationally, on the importance of competition law and policy as well as knowledge on the role of KPPU. As KPPU is expected to play a more important role in the development of Indonesia, JICA is determined to continue its support for strengthening the organizational and personnel capacity of KPPU.

1. **Date**
   June 9 – 10, 2010

2. **Venue**
   **Bali Dynasty Resort**
   Jl.Kartika, P.O. Box 2047,Tuban 80361 South Kuta, Bali-Indonesia
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3. **Agenda**
   (As attached. The conference will be opened only for pre-registered media )

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