

WELCOMING ADDRESS

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome! Soochow University is honored to co-organize the Symposium on International Harmonization of Competition Laws with the Fair Trade Commission. Founded in Shanghai in the last century, when modern competition laws loomed on the horizons, Soochow University has strived to achieve academic excellence. We also pride on sharing experience in the legal aspects of the modernization of the Republic of China on Taiwan with colleagues around the world.

As someone who had given seminars on comparative antitrust laws until prevented by more administrative responsibilities at Soochow, I find our experience with the Fair Trade Law somewhat unique, in that it was enacted and implemented when the ROC was undergoing a rapid transformation in political, social and economic terms.

Our FTL was also enriched by similar foreign laws when it was drafted. The Symposium enables us to learn from one another and explore the common denominator of the rules for the marketplace. I am sure that your insights will advance the jurisprudence and scholarship of competition laws.

I wish you all a successful Symposium.

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