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ONGOING PROJECTS

Competition Distortions in Vietnam

The Competition Distortions Dossier is a quarterly newsletter produced by CUTS HRC comprising articles and analysis based on reliable published sources. It covers reforms and policies that the Government of Vietnam has put in place during the reporting period. This initiative will not only have an impact on the competitive and consumer protection landscape, but will also deal with specific cases of violations of competition and consumer protection laws and regulations.



During the reporting period, the third issue of the Competition Distortions Dossier of 2018 (English and Vietnamese version) was prepared. The second issue of the Dossier was already uploaded on the CUTS HRC website and disseminated to the relevant stakeholders.

Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I)

The Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I) Project is being jointly undertaken by CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC) and CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment and Economic Regulation (CCIER), in partnership with CUTS Hanoi Resource Centre (CUTS HRC) in Vietnam and the Philippines Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) in the Philippines, over a period of 18 months (June 2017-December 2018).

Within the framework of this project, three country reports were prepared for India, the Philippines and Vietnam respectively by project partner institutions. The studies highlight the need to strengthen the Digital Economy, while focussing on three key actors: Government, Producers and Consumers, with deeper emphasis on Consumers. Best practices from across the sectors and geographies, to showcase the benefits to the consumers associated with digital platforms, are highlighted in the studies. CUTS HRC prepared the Vietnam Country Report entitled, "Going Digital: From Innovation to Inclusive Growth in Vietnam".

During the reporting period, an International Conference entitled, "Unlocking the potential of

the Digital Economy in India and Southeast Asia" was organised on August 23, 2018 in Bangkok and Thailand as the concluding event.

REPRESENTATION

 On August 23, 2018, Alice Pham, Centre Coordinator of CUTS HRC took part in the



Final Conference of the Diginomics-I Project jointly organised by CUTS International and Thammasat University's India Centre in Bangkok, Thailand.

• During September 24-25, 2018, Alice Pham participated in the Technical Workshop on 'Drafting of the Implementation Decree for the Competition Law 2018 of Vietnam', organised by the Vietnam Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (VCCA) in Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam.

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