

CUTS HRC Activity Report

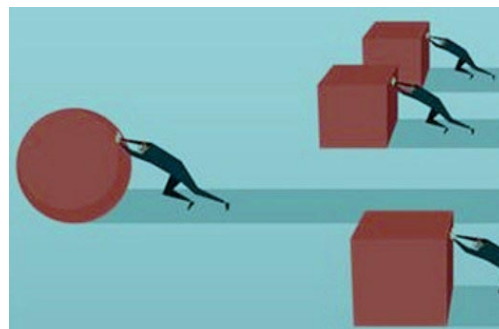
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ONGOING PROJECTS

Competition Distortions in Vietnam

The Competition Distortions Dossier is a quarterly newsletter produced by CUTS Hanoi Resource Centre (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.

Furthermore, during the reporting period, the first issue of the Competition Distortions Dossier of 2018 (English and Vietnamese version) is being finalised.



Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I)

The Regional Inclusive Growth (Diginomics-I) project is being jointly undertaken by the CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC) and the CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment and Economic Regulation (CCIER), in partnership with 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 are to be prepared for India, the Philippines and Vietnam respectively by project partner institutions. The studies will highlight the need to strengthen the 'Digital Economy' while focussing on three key actors: Government, Producers and Consumers, with greater emphasis on Consumers. Best practices from across sectors and geographies, to showcase the benefits to the consumers associated with digital platforms, will also be highlighted in the studies.

In March 2018, a consumer survey entitled, 'E-learning in Vietnam' has been conducted to examine the awareness and perceptions of consumers in Vietnam about the development impacts of E-learning and the application of other digital technologies in the education sector of Vietnam. The results of the survey will form a part of the second case study and country report for Vietnam under the 'Diginomics-I' project.

REPRESENTATION

- Hoang Duyen and Rohit Singh of CUTS HRC and CUTS CCIER respectively visited Vinh City and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam for undertaking survey interviews under the project entitled, 'Internationalisation of Micro and Small Enterprises'.