

# World Competition Day 2013

To commemorate World Competition Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013, the Fair Trading Commission of Seychelles organized two events to celebrate this day.

The first event was held at the Seychelles National Library. This was a prize giving ceremony for students who had participated in a poster competition. The aim of the poster competition was to increase awareness of the role of the Commission in relation to consumer rights and the competition process in Seychelles. Two themes were given



*Category 2 Prize Winner*

per school level namely; “My Consumer Rights” for (Primary 3 to Primary 6 students) and “Championing market efficiency for consumer’s socio-economic welfare” for (i)secondary 1 to secondary 5 students and ii) post secondary students). The latter theme was to highlight the way in which good interaction between businesses in a fair and competitive market could benefit consumers with increased choices, reduced prices, better quality and accessibility of goods and services.

Winners from all three categories were awarded with Fair Trading Commission’s souvenirs and educational gift vouchers. The event was attended by the Chief Executive Officer of the Fair Trading Commission, Mr. Georges Tirant, Minister for Tourism and Culture, Mr. Alain St. Ange, Principal Secretary, Mrs. Anne Lafortune, staff of the Commission, Head teachers, teachers and parents as well as the participant’s themselves.



*Category 3 Prize Winners*



*Category 1 Prize Winners*



*“Stakeholders & Participants attending the workshop”*

Competition Department who is actively engaged in the competition cases of the Commission which allowed them to relay both the theoretical and the practical aspect of the law to the participants.

Different business conducts which are prohibited under competition law were explained to the audience. Those were abuse of dominance, a number of anti competitive agreements such as bid rigging, resale price maintenance, price fixing, market sharing and the control of merger situations and also explanation was provided for other policies such as the Leniency policy. Participants were also informed of the legislative reform that the Commission has embarked on. At the end of the session a digital copy of the laws administered by the Fair Trading Commission of Seychelles that is (the Fair Trading Act 2009, the Fair Competition Act 2009 and the Consumer Protection Act 2010) was given to each participant.

The second event was a presentation about the Fair Competition Act 2009 of Seychelles with the theme “Fostering Fair Competition in Seychelles and enforcing the Fair Competition Act 2009”. Present was the Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Trade and Finance Dr. Steve Fanny, as well as regulators and members from all sectors of the business community and law students from the University of Seychelles. The presentation was made by the staff of the



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*Fair Trading Commission's CEO- Mr. Georges Tirant (center), Deputy CEO (left) and Director of Legal Affairs (right).*

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