

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: MyCC RESEARCH GRANT 2014

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 February 2014 – The Malaysia Competition Commission’s (MyCC) Research Grant Programme (RGP) is open for applications beginning today until 30th April 2014.

An important function of the MyCC is to carry out studies on competition issues in the Malaysian economy. “The RGP was established beginning 2013 in order to support this function and the RGP-funded research studies are expected to provide a clearer picture of the competitiveness of enterprises in the Malaysian economy,” said MyCC CEO, Shila Dorai Raj.

Each research grant will not exceed RM 25,000 and is open to all Malaysians including freelance researchers. However the MyCC may, on a case-to-case basis depending on the proposed research, grant more than the stipulated amount.

The MyCC will fund research on any of the Strategic Research Areas identified by the MyCC , which typically focus on the priority sectors and stakeholders that fall within the MyCC Strategy Plan 2012-2014. Preference will be given to evidence based research studies, surveys and case studies with findings that may be published in academic journals or publications for popular consumption. Research outcomes must lead to recommendations for policies, laws, guidelines, codes of practice, strategies or competition advocacy activities that will spread awareness of competition issues and promote competition culture in the country.

Applicants are to be Malaysian citizens with proven research capacity in any discipline. They may be faculty, post-doctoral or doctoral researchers attached to public or private universities; staff of think tanks or civil society organizations or freelance researchers. Civil society organisations may also submit applications in the name of the organization.

Applicants should submit detailed curriculum vitae, demonstrating proof of previous research experience and successful research outcomes, together with letters of recommendation from at least 2 referees.

Applicants are to refer to the MyCC website, www.mycc.gov.my, for application details and the latest information. Applicants may submit any number of research proposals, individually or in collaboration with others. The successful applicant must complete his or her research study within 6 months to 1 year from the date of signing the research grant contract with the MyCC.

The MyCC RGP was first launched in 2013 and seven successful applicants were awarded a total of close to RM175,000.000.

Further information on the RGP can be obtained from the MyCC website at www.mycc.gov.my or email RGP@mycc.gov.my.

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About Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC)

Established in June 2011, MyCC is an independent body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act 2010, which was implemented to create healthy competition which would in turn stimulate productivity and innovation, thus creating wider choices of products for consumers with better quality and reasonable prices.

The Act applies to all commercial activities undertaken within and outside Malaysia that affects competition in the Malaysian market. It provides a regulatory framework including powers to investigate, adjudicate and impose penalties on the perpetrators of the competition laws.

For more information on the Act and MyCC activities, log on to www.mycc.gov.my.