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### **EIGHT RECIPIENTS TO RECEIVE MyCC RESEARCH GRANT**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 28 October 2013** – The Malaysia Competition Commission ('MyCC') today awarded eight successful applicants of the MyCC Research Grant Programme (RGP). The awarded grants amounted close to RM200,000.00, with each recipient receiving a grant of up to RM25,000.00 each.

“Research related to competition issues is vital to shape competition policies, laws, strategies and advocacy activities,” said Member of Commission, Prof. Dato’ Dr. S. Sothi Rachagan, who also chairs MyCC’s Working Committee on Advocacy. “The MyCC Research Grant Programme was conceived to encourage independent competition studies in Malaysia. It will also contribute to increasing the body of knowledge on competition and assist the MyCC to make decisions on the basis of solid and sound evidence based studies.”

The RGP was open for applications to all Malaysians beginning January until April this year, with the call for entry being disseminated to universities, research institutes, think tanks, and civil society organisations. A total of 23 applications were received.

The eight successful applicants are Dr. Nasarudin Abdul Rahman (International Islamic University of Malaysia), Dr. Poon Wai Ching (Monash University Malaysia Campus), Dr. Suhaiza Hanim (University Malaya), Dr. Susila Munisamy Doraisamy (University Malaya), Dr. VGR Chandran Govindaraju (University Malaya), Dr. Mohamed Azmi Bin Ahmad Hassali (Universiti Sains Malaysia), Dr. Jarita Duasa (International Islamic University of



Malaysia), and Dr. Zukarnain Zakaria (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia).

The RGP Panel of Experts, who assisted in evaluating and selecting the successful grant applicants, are mostly from the academia and industry, as follows:

1. Dr. Larry Wong, Program Director, Technology, Innovation, Environment and Sustainability Institute of Strategic & International Studies
2. Prof Dr. Rajah Rasiah, University of Malaya Malaysian Centre of Regulatory Studies (UMCors)
3. Prof. Datin Ruhani Hj. Ali, Graduate School of Business, Universiti Sains Malaysia
4. Prof Dr. Fauzias Mat Nor, Graduate School of Business, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
5. Dr. Poon Wai Ching, School of Business, Monash University of Malaysia
6. Puan Wan Khatina Nawawi, Director, Khazanah Research & Investment Strategy (KRIS)
7. Professor Dr. Lai Yew Wah, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Business and Finance, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

The objectives of the RGP are to:

- Fund research on competition issues in the MyCC Strategic Research Areas;
- Use the findings of the research to develop informed and evidence based competition policies, laws, guidelines, codes of practice and design competition advocacy activities;
- Enable the dissemination (nationally and internationally), of academic as well as popular articles and publications on competition issues and practices of specific relevance to the Malaysian economy; and



- Provide an opportunity for academics and civil society to participate and contribute ideas and knowledge to the promotion and development of competition policy making.

The RGP is part of the MyCC's continuous advocacy programmes, spearheaded by its Working Committee on Advocacy. The MyCC aims for the RGP-funded research studies to provide a clearer picture of the competitiveness of enterprises in the Malaysian economy. Plans to open applications for the MyCC RGP next year are in the pipeline.

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:**

The RGP funds market surveys, case studies and research on the anti-competitive and pro-competitive economic climate, laws and practices in Malaysia relating to the following priority sectors and stakeholders:

- i. Food production, import and distribution;
- ii. Transport such as taxis, buses, mass rapid transit, railways, air travel, hauliers and shipping;
- iii. Healthcare Institutions, including the pharmaceutical industry;
- iv. Professional services;
- v. Housing developers; and
- vi. Financial institutions;

Further information on the RGP and the MyCC can be obtained from the MyCC website at [www.mycc.com.my](http://www.mycc.com.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](http://www.mycc.gov.my).