



President Obradović underlined that joint commitment to creating conditions for effective competition, as well as closeness and fellowship, constitute elements connecting the Japanese and Serbian competition authorities.

“We are aware of the need to intensify international cooperation, since in the times of not only regional but also global undertakings, such support is the key to success in our joint struggle to create a level playing field for all.”

“It gives me a great pleasure to emphasize that successful cooperation accomplished between the competition authorities of Japan and the Republic of Serbia is also built on the rising economic cooperation achieved between our two countries. For that reason we strive in this manner also to contribute to even more improved economic cooperation and connecting Serbian and Japanese businessmen aimed at achieving the economic progress of our country, by being able to secure high standards in competition policy enforcement on the market of Serbia”, Dr. Obradović said.



H.E. Maruyama underlined that what Japan wishes to share with Serbia is the fact, evidenced by his country, that a strong economy is not a coincidence but the result of work of efficient institutions, one of them undoubtedly being the Japan Fair Trade Commission.

“I believe that experiences of Japan are useful to Serbia, provided for the purpose of its economic development and further European integrations”, H.E. Ambassador Maruyama underlined.



Professor Arisa Wakabayashi from the Komazawa University, Tokyo spoke on the legislative framework and competition policy enforcement practices of Japan, as well as Hideyuki Shimozu, Senior Planning Officer from the International Affairs Division of JFTC, a competition authority established in 1947 which is globally renowned as one of the most efficient institutions in creating and enforcing competition policy regulations.

After the completion of the second training session, Dr. Siniša Milošević, Head of the Economic Analyses Division, and Jelena Grahovac, Senior Advisor at the Economic Analyses Division, have presented to Japanese colleagues the experiences from working with a software for detecting bid rigging in public tenders, provided to the Commission by the British Competition and Markets Authority as part of the established cooperation.



Two training sessions are held during the second day of event, where Takaaki Saito, Senior Investigator, JFTC Investigation Bureau, spoke on the cartel investigation and bid rigging cases in Japan.

During this seminar, participants were provided with an opportunity to be introduced in more

detail to the Japanese regulatory framework governing anticompetitive conduct, in addition to practical examples concerning the fight against cartels, bid rigging in public procurements, investigation procedures and implementation of the leniency programme.