

## **Press Release**

## Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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Performance of Taipei District Prosecutors Office for election law enforcement has reached historical high: 362 subpoenaed, 9 detained, 65 in bail, NTD 2.31 million seized, 8 invalid elections civil actions initiated

1. For the "nine to one" local public official election held in November 2018, the Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office ("the Office"), with the police force and investigation bureau agents, jointly enforced election laws and reached great results in terms of the number of interrogation, detention, search, seizure and/or other enforcement measures – the greatest achievement than ever in the Office (see chart below).

		2018	2016	2014
Number of People Subpoenaed		362	114	46
Arrest Warrant Issued		2	1	0
Detention	Application by Prosecution	13	0	0
	Approved by Court	9	0	0
	Number of People Detained to Date	9	0	0

In Bail		65	2	0
Travel Ban Issued		3	0	1
Search	Conducted by Police (Directed by Prosecutors)	11	1	0
	Conducted by Prosecutors	2	0	0
Police Interrogation		186	53	158
Cash Seized		\$2,316,500	0	0
Invalid Election Actions Brought		8	0	0

2. The Office has initiated 8 invalid-election actions in order to uphold the justice and fairness of election

Paragraph 1, Article 120 of Civil Servants Election and Recall Act ("the Act") provides that, under any circumstances listed in the Paragraph, prosecutors may, within 30 days commencing from the day when the list of electees is announced, file a lawsuit in the governing court against an electee, claiming the electee's being elected is invalid.

After investigation on illegal election acts including vote buying or false household registration within our jurisdiction, the Office filed invalid-election civil lawsuits in the Taipei District Court in accordance with the said Act against the elected Neighborhood Chiefs Mr/Ms Chou of Taipei City Wanhua District, Chen of Hsinpei City Pinglin District, Yang of Hsinpei City Shiding District, Chou of Hsinpei City Wulai District, and Resident Representatives Mr/Ms Wu, Chien, Lin and Chu in order to uphold the fairness and democracy of election.