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Corruption Investigation against Lin, Ma, Yen, Ho, Zheng, Wu, Yang, Kao, Chi and Chen, Officers of First Zhongshan Police Station, Zhongshan Pricinct of Taipei Police Department Concluded on July 12th 2018

1. The Office Investigation Findings

1.1 Defendant Lin, Ma, Yen, Ho, Zheng, Wu, Yang, Kao, Chi and Chen were indicted for (1) public official harboring a person who profits from arranging sexual intercourse, which violates Paragraph 1 and 2, Article 231 of Criminal Code; and (2) taking bribes or other unlawful profits contradicting with their official duties, which violates Subparagraph 5, Paragraph 1, Article 4 of Anti-Corruption Act.

1.2 Defendant Wu, Hu, Huang, Yang were indicted for (1) non-public official bribing public official in return for certain performance against official duties, which violates Paragraph 4 and 1, Article 11 of Anti-Corruption Act; and (2) purpose of making a female to have secual intercourse to gain, which violates Paragraph 1, Article 231 of Criminal Code.

2. Pertinent Facts

2.1 Regarding Lin, Ma, Yen, Ho, Zheng, Wu, Yang, Kao, Chi and Chen's taking bribes in violation of their official duties; Wu, Huang, Hu, Yang's bribing public officials in return for harboring their arrangements of sexual intercourse to gain:

Lin, Ma, Yen, Ho, Zheng, Wu, Yang, Kao, Chi and Chen were the Head and police officers of Zhongshan First Police Station. They respectively received a monthly NT \$40,000 bribes from Shanghualifang (later renamed as "Li-Bang Bar") and an additional \$40,000 payment during the Lunar New Year, Dragon Boat Festival and Mid-Autumn Festival. These police officers of Zhongshan First Station would take the bribes from managers of Li-Bang Bar including Wu, Hu, Huang and Yang. Specifically, these officers would either take the bribes from Huang, one of the managers of Li-Bang Bar, or go to Li-Bang Bar and take the bribes of the Bar from Yang. In return, these police officers would do a favor to Li-Bang Bar during random or unannounced inspection of their jurisdiction – despite their knowledge of the fact that Li-Bang Bar had been engaging in arrangements of unlawful sexual intercourse to gain, and that the business operation of Li-Bang Bar had never conformed with their business registration certificates.

3. Sentencing Recommendation

3.1 The Office recommends a severe sentencing against Ma, Yen, Ho, Zheng, Wu, Yang, Lin, Kao, Chi and Chen for the following reasons:

As the safeguard of the law and order, police officers are expected to be honest and diligent. Instead, these defendants, for their personal gains, harbored illegal sexual transaction business by taking the advantage of the power and opportunity from their official duties as law enforcement agents. Their offenses deeply damaged the credit and reputation of public officials, as well as people's impression on police officers as a whole. Their official duties that the Taiwan government once endowed were also severely disgraced. Therefore, the damage that their offenses have caused was immense. The Office also recommends that the Court consider sentencing factors including: (1) Defendant Ho had been taking bribes for almost 6 years; (2) Defendant Ma, Yen, Ho, Wu, Lin, Chi and Chen denied all charges; and (3) Defendant Lin, Chi and Chen conspired to get their story straight after Li-Bang Bar being searched.

3.2 During investigation, Defendant Zheng, Yang and Kao have confessed all the charges and felt regretful for their commitments. They have returned all the proceeds of crimes voluntarily. The Office therefore recommends a lenient sentencing or a sentencing reduction/remission, in accordance with the law.

3.3 On the one hand, the bribes that Defendant Wu, Hu, Huang and Yang had paid to those police officers not only severely made the Taiwan people distrust the justice system, but also deeply destroyed the credit and reputation of law enforcement agencies as a whole. On the other hand, Defendant Wu, Hu, Yang and Huang have confessed all charges and cooperated during investigation. Specifically Defendant Wu, Hu and Huang had voluntarily returned part of their proceeds of crimes amounting to NT \$3 million, 2 million, and a real estate respectively. Thus, the Office recommends that the Court render a lenient

sentencing against these defendants, in accordance with Anti-Corruption Act and Witness Protection Act.