

## Su and 22 other people are under indictment on the prison bribery case

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Taipei District Prosecutors Office Prosecutor presented an indictment against Lyudao (綠島) Prison Warden Su Ching-chun (蘇清俊), Yilan Prison Warden Wu Tsai-wei (吳載威), Taichung Prison deputy warden Chao Chung-chi (趙崇智), Taipei Detention Center secretary Ko Shu-yu (柯書宇), Taipei Prison staff Tzu Hsing-hua (祖興華), Taipei Prison directing guard Chou Ping-jung (周秉榮), Taipei Prison fellow guard Chang Wen-fa (張文發), former Eastern Multimedia Group (EMG, 東森集團) Chairman Wang Ling-lin(王令麟), Wang's personal secretary Hu Hsiao-ching (胡曉菁) and other people, totally 23 people, on January 6, 2014 for violation of the Anti-Corruption Act(貪污治罪條例).

Wang and Hu asked Su -previously the deputy warden at Taipei Prison- to order some six daily newspapers for Wang, also arrange Wang to use former President prison study to examine and mark EMG's official documents. The arrangements allowed Wang to continue his operation of EMG while in jail. Tzu helped Wang to send and receive messages, deliver electric razor, bring documents related to the sale of Eastern TV (東森電視台), etc. Wang asked Hu to buy steak as a return gift to Tzu, as well as cosmetic products for Tzu's wife. Furthermore Su, Wu, Chou, Ko, Chou and Chang received payments in exchange for special treatment for some of the inmates, including visitor privileges, light work and the use of contraband items in jail, etc.

This bribery case hurt the image of our government and led to people to ignore the court's final judgment. The inmates would bribe prison civil servants to exchange privileged interests. Su, Wu, Chou, Ko, Tzu, Chou and Chang were all civil servants, however they ignored the law, violated the disciplinary regulation, damaged official duties and used their position opportunity to obtain illegal benefits. Moreover Su, Wang and Hu denied the crime, hence Taipei District Prosecutors Office Prosecutor was asking the court to give the defendants the maximum sentence.