



Press Release

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Clarification regarding suspected investigation

leakage by “the Journalist” on the political donation

case of Lin Hsi-Shan

While investigating Lin Hsi-Shan’s suspected involvement in the illicit IT procurement of the Legislative Yuan, co-defendant Chen Liang-Yin voluntarily stated during the first interrogation that Lin Hsi-Shan had given political donation to the then-presidential-candidate Tsai In-Wen but was returned. Our office considered this information related to Lin Hsi-Shan’s property of unknown origin and then started a new case to investigation the facts. As a result, our office closed the new case in lieu of no violation against the Political Donation Act or other crimes. In the same time, Lin Hsi-Shan was indicted and thus all relevant files and evidences were jointly transferred to the court for the trial. To this point, the cases related to the political donations had closed, and all files had transferred to the court. Since the case files in court available for viewing and photocopying for defendants and attorneys, there was no information need to be kept in secret. Thus our office has no

control over the media for how they might use these files and evidences.

Our office has never publicly posted news about the case of the political donations to protect the privacy and reputation of persons who are unrelated to the indicted case. Our office also strictly requested all colleagues to conform to the work ethics, including no publicly disclosing information of the relevant files and evidences. Regarding to the Journalists' reports on Lin Hsi-Shan's case of the political donation, the information leakage was not from our office. However, since the report was surprisingly detailed, there is suspicion that leakage is from our office. To clarify the suspicion, our office had begun to investigate on the leakage. The punishment will be very strict if any colleagues were found to provide information to the media.

Our office also reminds all defendants and attorneys who hold photocopies of the above case files, do not provide any information to others for non-lawsuit purposes. Anyone who is found to violate the Personal Information Protection Act or other relevant laws, he or she shall be prosecuted and punished in accordance with the laws.