



Press Release

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Investigation Results of the MOE's Modified

Curriculum Guidelines Protesters

Defendant Peng, Tsai and Yin, who have intruded the Ministry of Education (hereinafter, the "MOE"), and employed violence against police Hsieh in the performance of his duty to protect the office, are prosecuted for violation of Article 135(1) and 304(1) of the Criminal Code of the Republic of China (hereinafter, the "CCROC").

Defendant Chen and Yen, who have also intruded the MOE and further into the office of the Minister Wu SeHwa, and meanwhile employed violence against police Hsu in the same performance of duty in the MOE, are equally prosecuted for violation Article 135(1) and 304(1) of CCROC.

To declare their dissatisfaction and disapproval of the modified curriculum guidelines aiming to be implemented by August, 2015, the defendants intruded into the MOE by crossing the barricades and the fences outside the MOE and on the top of official vehicles at around 11pm on July 23, 2015. In the process, they employed violence against the site police, Mr. Hsieh and Mr. Hsu, who safeguarded the MOE, by depriving their freedom for seconds and causing physical injuries to their bodies. After thorough investigation, the prosecutor charges the defendants in violation of Article 135(1) and 304(1) of CCROC.

Apart from this, pursuant to Article 252(5) of The Code of Criminal Procedure (hereinafter, the "TCCP"), their suspicious violations of

Article 277(1) and 306(1) of the CCROC are not prosecuted due to the withdrawal of complaints.

In addition, pursuant to Article 252(5)(6)(10) of the TCCP, the other 22 defendants are as well not prosecuted due to the withdrawal of complaints, the decease of the defendant, and insufficiency of proof, respectively.

Although the MOE, police Hsieh and police Hsu have expressed their lenient attitude toward the defendants, the fact that the defendants remained silence during investigation and never pled guilty leads the prosecutor to hold it inappropriate to defer their prosecutions. However, considering the fact that all the defendants are students and still young, probations are suggested in the indictment.