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To ensure the dignity of the deceased, infection prevention, and judicial profession, Taipei City Government and Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office jointly construct a Necropsy and Anatomy Center which conforms to international forensic science and technology standards.

Due to the limited space of the former "Taipei City Necropsy and Anatomy Center(" Center")", it is not easy to perform an autopsy and gather forensic evidence. While family members of the deceased stay in a small room with relevant people, it is easy to trigger and increase their grief. In high-profile cases, it is also difficult to effectively control the entry and exit of personnel, which impairs the non-disclosure and confidentiality principle of criminal investigations.

To improve the obsolescence of the Second Funeral Parlor and meet the increasing demand of the aging population in the future, Taipei City Government has stopped using the old Center on September 10, 2019, and started new construction.

To ensure the use rights of Taipei citizens, infection prevention, and judicial profession, Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je said in a public security meeting: "The new Center must be thoroughly planned and designed by international standards. The new Center will not only be the best in the country but also a necropsy and anatomical environment that satisfies the international level of forensic science and technology. Mayor

Ko directed at the meeting: "Taipei Mortuary Services Office and the New Construction Office of Public Works Department shall fully cooperate with Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office. To ensure that the overall facilities and equipment of the Center can meet the biosafety and infection protection standards, Taipei District Prosecutors Office is invited to provide professional advice to assist relevant units of the municipal government."

Previously, Chief Prosecutor Hsing Tai-Chao visited Taipei Mortuary Services Office. He expressed honestly admiration for Taipei City Government's planning of the Center with the concept of safeguarding the dignity of the deceased, caring for humanity, and protecting against infection. Chief Prosecutor Hsing suggested changing the in and out route of the forensic examination and adding a separate space as a waiting room for the deceased family. Director Hong of Taipei Mortuary Services Office responded that safeguarding the dignity of the deceased and embodying humane care is their purpose of serving the public. Highly approving to the recommendations of the Taipei District Prosecutor's Office, Director Hong agreed to change the design and hoped to build a Center that can meet international standards.

The new Center will satisfy the biological safety standard BSL2+ or above, with negative pressure isolation space, electric double-door airlock control, environmental aerosol disinfection, and other equipment. The new Center can also serve the need for anatomy of Covid-19 relevant cases to protect the safety of prosecutors, clerks, forensic doctors, judicial police and the families of the deceased.