



## Press Release

# Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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### **Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office held the unveiling ceremony of the "Investigation Bribery and Violence Enforcement Team" at 10:00 on May 25, 2022**

Following the instructions of Supreme Prosecutors Office, Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office(TTDPO), synchronized with local prosecutors offices across the country, held the unveiling ceremony of the "Investigation Bribery and Violence Enforcement Team" at 10:00 a.m. today (May 25th).

The nine-in-one election of local public officials will be held on November 26 this year, and TTDPO has launched various work to investigate bribery and curb violence. There are three key tasks this time. The first is to "Strictly investigate vote bribery and violence". Strict investigation of vote-buying bribery and curbing election violence are the key tasks of this local election. TTDPO has made arrangements in advance and will vigorously investigate various illegal acts, so as to safeguard the fairness of elections. The second is "Strict prevention of misinformation". Given the popularity of information and communication technology equipment, various types of misinformation spread rapidly and in large quantities, which may cause subversive damage. During every election period, all countries in the world are also vigilant to prevent the spread of misinformation from affecting voters' voting judgment and public opinions. TTDPO will strictly prevent all kinds of negative effects caused by the use of misinformation.

If criminal responsibility is involved, it will be promptly investigated and dealt with strictly. The third is "Strict handling of overseas funds". In order to prevent foreign forces from injecting funds into the country through various channels, in an attempt to influence the election of specific political parties and candidates, TTDPO will strengthen the investigation of suspicious overseas funds to monitor if they are related to the election. In addition, Anti-Infiltration Act was promulgated and implemented on January 15, 2019. The law clearly stipulates relevant criminal responsibilities for interfering in elections under the instruction, entrustment or funding of "infiltration sources". Therefore, if the funds come from "infiltration sources" will definitely be the focus of the investigation, hoping to prevent infiltration sources from intervening in elections through illegal channels, so as to consolidate our democratic election system.

TTDPO also appeals that it is everyone's responsibility to report election bribery. TTDPO has set up a hotline 0800-024099 for reporting election bribery. Finally, we look forward to everyone's cooperation and contribution to the establishment of a high-quality democratic culture in Taiwan.