

## **Press Release**

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Minister of the Ministry of Justice Tsai, together with Prosecutor-General Hsing and others, attended the "111 Year Local Public Official Election Inspection" sub-symposium organized by Taipei District Prosecutors Office, and gave specific instructions on the goals and strategies of investigating bribery and suppressing violence, showing that the prosecutors, police, investigation, ethics official and immigration agencies are determined to strictly deal with election bribery.

At 9:30 a.m. today (17th), Minister of the Ministry of Justice Tsai, together with Director of Department of Prosecutorial Affairs Huang Mou-Xin, Prosecutor-General of Supreme Prosecutors Office Hsing Tai-Chao, Chief Prosecutor of Taiwan Higher Prosecutors Office Chen Hong-Da, Director-General of Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice Zhuang, Rongsong, Commissioner of Criminal Investigation Bureau, National Police Administration Li, Hsi-Ho, Director of Department of Anti-Corruption, Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau Wu Yi-Gong, and others visited the Taipei District Prosecutors Office to participate in the "111 Years Local Public Official Election Inspection" sub-regional symposium.

In his speech, the Minister Tsai reminded all agencies to: 1. Strengthen horizontal ties and exert team combat power; 2. Prevent violence and strengthen public security before the election; 3. Strictly prevent false information from affecting the fairness of the election; 5. Strictly investigate bribery and spread informants actively for high-risk hot spots;

6. Encourage the public to report bribery. It is easier to get the reward for reporting bribery than winning the lottery; 7. Not to violate the principle of non-disclosure of investigation, the media should moderately report the results of bribery investigations. It is the best advocacy to the society and the people; 8. The attitude and determination of the Chief Prosecutor will determine the results of the bribery investigation. In the final stage, everyone must go all out and work together to complete the task of this election.

During the meeting, Prosecutor-General Hsing emphasized: 1. Election bribery still exists in the Taipei metropolitan area, but the methods are relatively subtle and cannot be lack of vigilance; 2. Bribery investigation is "legal activity", "attitude activity", and "technical activity", which involves the interpretation of legal elements in judicial practice, the determination and attitude of bribery investigators to investigate and deal with, and the skills of how to investigate bribery cases in a thorough and thorough manner 3. Do not spread the Invalid informants but the effective informants, and increase the effective informing rate; 4. Intelligence information is the mother of bribery investigation. Starting from the attitude of Chief Prosecutors, let the people feel the efforts of the prosecutors and police to investigate bribery; 5. Election law enforcement must be "neutral" and "fair", act in accordance with the law, and abide by the regulations for publishing news. Only "fairness" can gain the trust of the people.

Today's meeting was presided over by Chief Prosecutor Lin Bang-Liang. During the meeting, prosecutors, police, investigation, ethics official, immigration and other agencies presented reports on the election situation analysis, intelligence information provision, bribery investigation and anti-bribery specific measures, implementation status and performance. Based on past years of election inspection experience,

taking into account the characteristics of this local election, participating in urban areas and traditional communities with both political and economic development in jurisdictions, planning election inspection teams, relevant anti-bribery elections and inspection work essentials according to local conditions, and combining police, investigation, ethics official, immigration and other agencies have made every effort to "strictly investigate bribery and violence", "strictly prevent false information from affecting election fairness", and "strictly handle foreign influence funds in elections".

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chief Prosecutor Lin emphasized that all prosecutorial agencies must maintain "administrative neutrality" and "impartial law enforcement" and abide by the standards of news release in order to win the trust of the people. With only 41 days left until the polling day, hope that through today's symposium, we will strengthen the consensus of the various investigation agencies on law enforcement, and demonstrate their attitude and determination. Adhere to the consistent position of "whatever is heard must be investigated" and "whatever is evidenced must be acted upon" to carry out the investigation of election bribery and control violence, maintain the law and order environment before the election, and achieve the core goal of fair elections and eradicating lawlessness.