

## **Press Release**

## Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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Taipei District Prosecutors Office held an investigation meeting for the by-election of the Legislative Council vacancy in Taipei City

The Prosecutors, the police, the investigation, and the ethics official conduct investigations and deal with lawlessness, demonstrating determination to safeguard election fairness

The vacant by-election of the 10th Legislative Council of Taipei City's 3rd electoral district will be held on January 8th next year (2023). In order to maintain the fairness of the election, Taipei District Prosecutors Office will vigorously crack down on any crimes that interfere with the election. Today (12th) Chief Prosecutor Lin invited Taipei City Government Police Department, Taipei City Field Division of Investigation Bureau of Ministry of Justice, Northern Mobile Team of Investigation Bureau of Ministry of Justice, The Department of Government Ethics of Taipei City Government, Taipei City Specialized Operation Brigades and other units, as well as Head Prosecutors and Prosecutors of the investigation area of the Prosecutors Office held meetings to investigate illegality, conduct discussions on the current election situation, illegal appearances of obstructing elections, intelligence collection, work priorities, and build a consensus on investigations to maintain election fairness and demonstrate determination to fight illegality.

Chief Prosecutor Lin emphasized in the meeting that all investigation units must strictly observe administrative neutrality and enforce the law

impartially, and reminded the following key points of investigation:

- 1. Strictly investigate election bribery. Disguised bribery methods such as entertaining dinners and giving gifts are not allowed to affect the fairness of elections.
- 2. Severely punish violent obstruction of elections and safeguard the personal safety of candidates.
- 3. Strictly handle foreign forces' referral and election, and strengthen the Anti-Infiltration Law investigation and search.
- 4. Strictly prevent false information from affecting the election situation, and quickly clarify and reduce negative effects.
- 5. Strongly investigate the election betting market and maintain the fairness of the election.

Taipei District Prosecutors Office will uphold the consistent stance of "whatever is heard must be investigated" and "what is evidenced must be acted on", implement the determination to investigate bribery, curb violence, and severely punish lawlessness, safeguard the fundation of democratic politics, and achieve the core goal of "fair elections and eradicating lawlessness".