



## Press Release

### Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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**Taipei District Prosecutors Office held the second inspection meeting for the vacant by-election of Legislative Councilors in Taipei City. The police investigation style will strictly abide by administrative neutrality, uphold a fair law enforcement attitude, and maintain election fairness**

There are only 11 days left until the by-election for the vacant legislators in Taipei City. Today (27th) Chief Prosecutor Lin once again 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 an election inspection meeting. Head Prosecutor Lu Wen-Zhong of Supreme Prosecutors Office, and Chang,Tou-Hui, chief prosecutor of the Taiwan Higher Prosecutor's Office, attended the guidance and pointed out the key points of the investigation .

In his speech, Chief Prosecutor Lu, on behalf of Prosecutor-General Hsing Tai-Chao, praised and encouraged the prosecutors, police, and immigration colleagues for their hard work in this year's Nine-in-One General Election and this Legislative By-election. Grasp the time and respond in a timely manner to reduce the impact of false information on the election. Also, foreign influence in the election cannot be ignored. The

Anti-Osmosis Law has just been applied in this year's nine-in-one general election. There are also related cases that have been investigated and handled. We should accumulate experience through cases and strengthen investigations.

As Chief Prosecutor Zhang suggested that the most important thing in election inspections is "determination and attitude". All kinds of illegal acts that hinder elections should be strictly investigated and dealt with. Since the election gambling market affects the fairness of the election, internet patrols should be strengthened and more efforts should be made. In addition, the election situation is fierce, and false information may instantly affect the outcome of the election. It must be grasped immediately, reported and dealt with quickly, and maintain election fairness. Information between different candidate camps should be accurately grasped and responded to quickly and effectively.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chief Prosecutor Lin emphasized that the election investigation must integrate the resources of various prosecutorial agencies, such as prosecutors, police, investigation, ethics official, immigration and other agencies, and use the spirit of a team to handle cases. It must also maintain administrative neutrality, enforce the law fairly, abide by the principle of non-disclosure of investigations, strictly abide by procedural justice, and be prudent. The timing of releasing news and launching investigations can avoid causing controversy in public opinion in order to win the trust of the people. It is hoped that today's symposium will strengthen the consensus of the investigation agencies on law enforcement, demonstrate their attitude and determination, and uphold the consistent stance of "whatever is heard must be investigated" and "whatever is evidenced must be acted on", implement the investigation of bribery and violence, and maintain the pre-election security environment, to achieve the core goals of fair elections and

eradicating lawlessness.