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Successfully recovered the Wang, ○ Pu family's illegal gains in Liechtenstein across the country! More than 300 million NT\$ has been remitted to Taipei District Prosecutors Office today

1. Taipei District Prosecutors Office(TDPO) received today (2) the confiscated funds from Liechtenstein related to the illegal proceeds of the La Fayette-class frigate procurement fraud, totaling US\$11,030,359.60 and approximately NT\$329,862,904. This is the first overseas illegal income of the late arms dealer Wang, ○ Pu family successfully recovered after years of hard work, demonstrating the basic value that no one should keep criminal income.

2. In this case, in February 2002, the Prosecutor-General of the Supreme Prosecutors Office submitted a request for mutual legal assistance to Liechtenstein, and until September 2006, Liechtenstein agreed to provide mutual legal assistance and freeze the relevant defendant's bank assets in Liechtenstein. Prosecutors of TDPO charged the defendants Wang, ○ Pu, Ye, ○ Zhen and their children Wang, ○ Xing, Wang, ○ Yong, Wang, ○ Ming, Wang, ○ Ling, Guo, ○ Heng and Guo, ○ Tian in September of the same year, and filed a public prosecution on suspicion of jointly violating the Anti-Corruption Act and the Money Laundering Control Act. Among them, the defendants Guo, ○ Heng and Guo, ○ Tian were convicted in April 2006, and Taipei District Prosecutor Office had returned about US\$35 million (about NT\$1.1 billion) of the criminal

proceeds of the seized case of Guo, ○ Heng and Guo, ○ Tian from Switzerland and was completed and turned over to the national treasury in April 2015. As for the defendants Wang, ○ Pu (died in England on January 2015), Ye, ○ Zhen and their 4 children refused to appear in court for trial because they fled abroad, and were issued as wanted by the court in 2009.

3. The confiscated part of the crimes committed by Wang, ○ Pu and his family members was originally The Special Investigation Division of the former Supreme Prosecutors Office(SID) and applied to the court on July 1, 2016 for a separate declaration of the crime of confiscation in accordance with the amended provisions of the Criminal Law As a result, after SID transferred the case to TDPO on January 1, 2017, TDPO assigned special Prosecutors and Prosecutor Investigator to handle the case, and the Supreme Court finally ruled and confirmed the confiscation of US\$ 487,192,808.72 in 2019 and 2021(The amount of relevant fruits is still being returned and is being tried by Taiwan High Court). In 2021 and 2022, the TDPO requested the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the representative office in Switzerland through the Ministry of Justice to request the return of the proceeds of crimes committed by defendant Wang, ○ Pu and others. After several times of unremitting efforts by the co-organizers, as well as the strong assistance of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the representative office in Switzerland, the US\$11,033,596,000 was finally recovered across the border today.

4. The successful recovery of the Wang, ○ Pu family' s illegal income in Liechtenstein can be said to be a big step forward for the case, but the defendant Wang, ○ Pu and others still have other criminal proceeds in Switzerland and other countries. TDPO will continue to pursue recovery through mutual legal assistance, and completely deprive criminals of their illegal gains, so as to meet the expectations of the people in Taiwan for

fairness and justice.