



Press Release

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Taipei District Prosecutors Office convened "2024 Presidential and Legislative Elections Preliminary Strategy Meeting" and "Preventing Foreign Forces from Interfering in the Election and Combating Election (Online) Gambling Contact Platform Meeting". To gather team consensus and to maintain election fairness.

Taipei District Prosecutors Office (TDPO) convened "2024 Presidential and Legislative Elections Preliminary Strategy Meeting" and "Preventing Foreign Forces from Interfering in the Election and Combating Election (Online) Gambling Contact Platform Meeting" on July 12, 2023.

Including the Taipei City Government Police Department, the New Taipei City Government Police Department, the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau Taipei City Investigation Division, the New Taipei City Investigation Division, the Northern Mobile Team, the Immigration Agency of the Ministry of Interior's North District Affairs, The Taipei City Special Service Team, the New Taipei City Special Service Team, the Military Police Headquarters Taipei Military Police, the New Taipei Military Police, the Taipei City Government's Political Conduct Division and the New Taipei City Government's Political Conduct Division were invited. TDPO also invited Prosecutor Qiu Zhihong of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office and General Commander Lin Zeqianda of the Immigration Department of the Ministry of the Interior attended.

This meeting aims to exchange views on the focal points, specific actions, investigation strategies, and other issues related to the upcoming Central Civil Servants' Election scheduled for January 13, 2024. The goal is to foster team consensus and effectively curb bribery, violence, as well as prevent foreign influences, election-related (online) gambling, and misinformation from interfering the election, in order to uphold electoral

fairness.

The head prosecutor, the election inspection executive secretary of TDPO, Mr. Gao Yishu reported the "Election Inspection Work Implementation Plan" at the meeting. The key points of the report included the election inspection work program disclosed by the Ministry of Justice, the amendments to the Public Officials Election and Recall Act, and TDPO's specific actions regarding investigating and prosecuting bribery and election violence, guarding against foreign influences, monitoring election-related gambling activities, and countering disinformation campaigns. Besides, each agency participating the meeting submitted the work reports, engaged in thorough discussions and exchanges regarding bribery investigation strategies, task division and organization, and specific implementation methods to strengthen law enforcement awareness and to increase their energy in combating illegal activities.

In addition, in order to prevent foreign forces and election-related (online) gambling from interfering in the elections, the TDPO has established the "Contact Platform to Prevent Foreign Forces from Interfering in the Election" and a "Combat Election (Online) Betting Contact Platform" in accordance with the instructions of the Supreme Prosecutor's Office on July 1st 2023, and held a meeting simultaneously today to formulate 2 proposals regarding "strengthen information collection and investigation strategies", which will effectively be enhancing the information collection capacity, optimizing information resources and enhancing investigative efficiency.

The Chief Prosecutor of TDPO Mr. Cheng, Ming-Chian gave specific instructions as follows:

1. Reviewing the past election inspection experience, the foreign funds influence and election-related (online) gambling must be the focus of inspections, especially in TDPO's jurisdiction. All inspection agencies are requested to follow the proposals passed in today's meeting. "Strengthen information collection and investigation and enforcement actions".
2. Regarding the cases of disinformation, information should be quickly obtained and dealt with appropriately and with priority. Matters that mislead the public should be clarified immediately and proactively.

3. Deepfake disinformation cases may occur in the election, which will seriously affect the fairness of the election. Art. 90, Presidential and Vice Presidential Election and Recall Act and Art.104, Public Officials Election and Recall Act have been amended, adding the crime of spreading false information through Deepfake videos with the intention of causing candidates to be unelected. All agencies are requested to strengthen law enforcement, deter illegal activities, and maintain election fairness.
4. Strictly investigating election bribery, actively targeting high-risk hotspots, strengthening anti-election bribery propaganda, and encouraging the public to report election bribery.
5. All law enforcement agencies must maintain "administrative neutrality" and "law enforcement fairly", abide by press release standards, and win the trust of the people.
6. We hope that today's meeting will strengthen the consensus on law enforcement, demonstrate the attitude and determination, adhere to "investigate everything you hear" and "do it if you have evidence", with "no bottom line", "no upper limit", and with "no time limit". We will actively handle inspection tasks to maintain the fairness of the elections.



