## **Press Release**



## **Taipei District Prosecutors Office**

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The head prosecutor of the Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office Chen Shu-Yi, along with prosecutors Lin Shao-Yi, Yan Bo-Rong, and Guo Geng-Cheng, collectively directed the Taoyuan City Investigation Office of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau and prosecutor investigators in the investigation of defendant Zhang- $\bigcirc$ Ming(張〇明) and others suspected of corruption under the Anti-Corruption Act. The investigation has concluded, and a brief summary is as follows:

- I. <u>The result of investigation</u>
- A. Defendants Zhang Ming(張○明), Zhan Xin(詹○欣),
  Zhang Long(張○龍), and Chen Lai(陳○來), all four individuals, have been prosecuted.
  - Defendant Zhang 〇 Ming(張〇明) has been charged with the crimes of taking bribes and unlawful profits by an act that belongs to the official duties under Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 of the Anti-Corruption Act, money laundering under Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Money Laundering Control Act, and the public official who discloses a document of a secret nature relating to matters other than national defense under Article 132, Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code.
- Defendant Zhan Xin (詹○欣) has been charged with the crime of taking unlawful profits by an act that belongs to the official duties under Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 of the Anti-Corruption Act.
- iii. Defendant Zhang 〇 Long (張〇龍) has been charged with the

crimes of taking bribes by an act that belongs to the official duties under Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 of the Anti-Corruption Act, money laundering under Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Money Laundering Control Act.

- iv. Defendant Chen 〇 Lai(陳〇來) has been charged with the crime of offering bribes to the public servant by an act that belongs to the official duties under Article 11, Paragraphs 4 and 2 of the Anti-Corruption Act.
- B. Defendants Jiang Sheng (江○昇) and Zhuang Jie(莊○ 傑) have been placed under deferred prosecution.

Defendants Jiang 〇 Sheng(江〇昇) and Zhuang 〇 Jie(莊〇傑) were given deferred prosecution for offering bribes to the public servant by an act that belongs to the official duties, breaching Article 11, Paragraphs 4 and 2 of the Anti-Corruption Act.

## II. Briefing the fact of indictment

- A. Zhang Ming (張○明) served as the Group Leader of the Public Construction Division and concurrently the Road Construction Division at the Construction and Planning Agency, Ministry of the Interior(was restructured into the National Land Management Agency of the Ministry of the Interior on September 20, 2023,hereinafter referred to as "the Agency"); Zhan Xin(詹○欣) served as the Deputy Team Leader of the Northern Branch of Urban Infrastructure Construction and the Section Chief of the Road Construction Section of the Agency. Zhang Long (張○龍) was the Chief Executive Officer of Legislator Zheng Cai' s office and the registered agent for LD BIOTECH INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD. Chen Lai (陳○來) was the actual person for Xin Chuang Engineering Consultants Co., Ltd.
- B. Since 2017, the government has been promoting the 'Forward-looking Infrastructure Development Program', including the 'Road Quality Improvement Project (Public Road System) (2017-2025)' and the 'Road

Quality Improvement Project (Ministry of the Interior) 2.0'. These subsidy cases were presided over by Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) as the deputy convener and the selection committee. In order to increase the approval rate of subsidy applications submitted of the Agency, Chen Lai(陳〇來) inquired if it was possible to get in touch with Zhang  $\bigcirc$ Ming (張〇明) through Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Long(張〇龍) in 2017, as a means to convey Chen  $\bigcirc$  Lai's(陳〇來) intention of offering a bribe to Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明). Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) and Zhang  $\bigcirc$ Long(張〇龍) conspired to engage in bribery and money laundering, used Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming 's (張〇明) official powers to ensure that the 73 projects proposed by Chen  $\bigcirc$  Lai (陳〇來) were smoothly reviewed and approved. Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) and Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Long(張〇龍) together accepted bribes paid by Chen  $\bigcirc$  Lai(陳〇來), amounting to 1% to 3% of the project subsidy funds. They also requested Chen  $\bigcirc$ Lai( $\mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R}$ ) to make payments for the construction works, totaling NTD74.52 million received in bribes.

C. In April 2020, the Agency publicly tendered the Urban Road BIM Application Study Project. To establish good relationships with Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) and Zhan  $\bigcirc$  Xin(詹〇欣) for the bidding process, Jiang  $\bigcirc$  Sheng( $\square \bigcirc$  昇) frequently hosted dinners for them, approximately once every 2 to 3 weeks. Additionally, Jiang  $\bigcirc$ Sheng(江〇昇) sought guidance from Zhan  $\bigcirc$  Xin(詹〇欣) for the preparation of the bid document. Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) and Zhan Xin(  $_{e}^{e}$  )  $_{k}$  ) accepted these dining invitations from Jiang ()  $\bigcirc$ Sheng(江〇昇), with all expenses paid by Jiang  $\bigcirc$  Sheng(江〇昇) during the procurement process. In an effort to help Jiang  $\bigcirc$  Sheng( $\square$ () 昇) secure the contract, they participated in drafting the service proposal for the bid. In conclusion, Zhang 〇 Ming(張〇明) accepted 49 times dining invitations, and Zhan  $\bigcirc$  Xin( 倉  $\bigcirc$  欣) accepted 36 times dining invitations. Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張〇明) received improper benefits amounting to NT\$161,479, and Zhan  $\bigcirc$  Xin( 詹  $\bigcirc$  欣 )

received improper benefits amounting to NT\$84,182. Jiang  $\bigcirc$  Sheng(江  $\bigcirc$  昇) paid a bribe of NT\$816,000 to Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張  $\bigcirc$  明), which was received by Huang  $\bigcirc$  shan(黃  $\bigcirc$  珊), an extramarital partner of Zhang  $\bigcirc$  Ming(張  $\bigcirc$  明).

D. Zhuang ○ Jie(莊○傑), due to his lack of experience in designing public works, asked Zhang ○ Ming(張○明) for assistance. From March 2021 to February 2023, Zhuang ○ Jie(莊○傑) invited and entertained Zhang ○ Ming(張○明) with dinners, singing, accompanied by women, accommodations, and sexual services. Zhang ○ Ming(張○明) accepted the invitations 7 times, including 2 instances of sexual services. Zhang ○ Ming received improper benefits amounting to NTD 172,756.